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THE PRINCE IN CEYLON.

Wonderful Reception at Candy.

(Reader's Service.)

Candy, March 23.
The Prince of Wales had a wonderful journey here from Colombo. This morning the entire population of the district for fifteen miles each side of the railway gathered at the way stations to see his special train pass.

It was like the popular demonstrations which greeted him in Australia and Canada. There were solid masses of Cingalese in deep rows at every station platform and on the banks, rocks, and trees between them, and they went to extraordinary pains to decorate his seventy-mile route from the coast. Even single mud-hut displayed a Union Jack, and every tiny village showed its loyalty by bamboo arches or garlands strung between trees under the palms. For three and a half hours, the Prince passed what appeared to be an almost continuous crowd beginning at Colombo and continuing along the rice fields of the plain, then clinging in thin lines to the steep sides of the hills, where the special began its climb into cooler air, swelling again in numbers as the train approached this pleasant little city.

The absolute spontaneity of the reception was unmistakable. The people cheered like Europeans or saluted the prince with precise volleys of handclapping. Some stations contributed groups of industrious drummers banging tom-toms. The Prince was received at the station here by the Candy chiefs in their picturesque full dress balloon-like skirts of heavy silk, and jewelled bala. A brief address was followed by a brief response, after which the Prince motored to the Planters' Hall, where he was greeted by the majority of the thirteen hundred planters of the Island. The Prince inspected their smart infantry battalion.

The town itself is filled to the utmost with visitors from all parts of the island. The Prince shook hands with many of them at a garden-party this afternoon. To-night the Prince will attend a Durbar of the local chiefs, afterwards he will walk to the famous Temple of the Tooth adjoining the Durbar Hall, where will be displayed as a special honour for his Royal Highness this sacred relic, reputed to be the tooth of Buddha.

BRITISH SUBMARINE LOST.

Goes Down with All Hands.

London, March 23.
A Gibraltar message says a destroyer, during manoeuvres in the Straits collided with submarine H-42, which was lost with all hands.

Later.
The Admiralty, in confirming the loss of the H-42 with all hands, says she was rammed by the destroyer Versatile, while exercising off Europa Point and sank in 500 fathoms.

Death Roll of Thirty.

Later.
A Gibraltar message says it is believed that the death roll is thirty. The Versatile was proceeding to England while the submarine was manoeuvring and was just rising to the surface at the moment of the crash.

THE BANQUE INDUSTRIELLE.

M. Berthelot's Disclosure.

Paris, March 20.
The *Matin* states that M. Philippe Berthelot voluntarily informed the recent court of discipline presided over by M. Poincaré that in 1919 his brother Andre, Chairman of the Banque Industrielle, gave him three and a half million francs in banknotes, of which he spent two and a half million francs in buying Renaults and the remainder in buying a house. When in 1921 the bank was in difficulties he hastened to put two and a half million francs at his brother's disposal. The examining magistrate enquiring into the Bank's affairs subsequently questioned him at length concerning this.

THE SOVIET FORCES.

Mr. Chamberlain Does not Believe War Intended.

London, March 23.
In the House of Commons at question-time, Mr. Chamberlain stated that he believed the troops in West Russia had been slightly increased since January, but this was not necessarily a warlike measure. He did not believe the Soviet Government intended to embark upon a new war.

AUSTRALIAN STRIKE DENIED.

Rumour Said to be Electioneering Device.

Melbourne, March 23.
The official denial of the strike report mentioned yesterday, stated that it was published in order to influence the impending elections.
[The previous article stated that there was to be a big strike of union and miners against wage reductions.]

INDIAN BUDGET PASSED.

Fiscal Autonomy.

Delhi, March 23.
The Finance Bill has passed the Legislative Assembly. The rejection of various proposed new taxes leaves an estimated uncovered deficit of £6,000,000.
A feature of the debate was the unanimity of the members in favour of India's fiscal autonomy.

THE "MUI TSAI" QUESTION.

Another Home Comment.

London, March 23.
The abolition of *Mui-tsun* in Hongkong is a belated but decided reaffirmation of the principles of humanity and freedom in British Government, declares the *Manchester Guardian*.

GERMAN MARKS.

Now Six a Penny!

London, March 23.
German marks are six a penny in London to-day. The slump is largely due to the new reparations crisis, following the receipt of the Commission's note in Berlin.

THE STRIKE FEVER.

Shanghai Labour Demands.

CARGO COOLIES' THREAT.

(From Our Own Correspondent.)

Shanghai, March 24.

Three hundred of Messrs. Butterfield and Swire's cargo coolies threaten strike on April 1st, unless their wages are raised. Two hundred loss-paper workers went on strike when their pay demands were not met. The comb makers are out. The women workers of two silk filatures have also quit work. All the above insist that more wages are necessary because of the high price of rice, due to the demands of the armies.

LATE SIR EVERARD FRASER.

Funeral Largely Attended.

(From Our Own Correspondent.)

Shanghai, March 23.

The funeral of the late Sir Everard Fraser was attended by a large throng, including high Chinese consular and municipal officials. Simple services were held at the Holy Trinity Cathedral and the Bubbling Well Cemetery. The coffin was escorted by mounted Sikhs and Light Horse, while the British Volunteers and Navy men lined the avenue to the grave and formed a hollow square. Floral tributes were sent from many parts of the country.

Two thousand wreaths were sent, a memorial service is to be held on Sunday, Bishop Moloney preaching.

CHIEF OFFICER'S DEATH.

A Sad Case.

(From Our Own Correspondent.)

Shanghai, March 24.

Mr. Charles Alexander Sutherland, Chief Officer of the s.s. *Choysang*, has died of poisoning in the mental ward of the Hospital. The poison is believed to have been self-administered. An inquest is being held on Wednesday.

BRITISH CONSUL IN SHANGHAI.

(From Our Own Correspondent.)

Shanghai, March 24.

Mr. F. Garstin is now acting as British Consul General here.

RESTORING ORDER IN ULSTER.

Drastic Methods.

London, March 23.
In consequence of the opinion expressed in the Ulster House of Commons that the penalties in the measure for restoring order were insufficiently drastic, the Government, on the Committee stage of the Bill, submitted a new clause, which the House approved, applying the death penalty for offences connected with bombs.
The Government announced that if the present Bill was insufficient, it would propose to extend the death penalty to many other offences, like carrying arms without a permit.

THE BOXER INDEMNITY.

London, March 23.
In the House of Commons replying to Lt. Col. (V) Malone regarding the Boxer indemnity payments to Britain, Sir John (Gilmour) said that approximately £4,350,000 had been paid up to 1920. Moreover, £1,250,000 had been paid in respect of private British claims. Altogether £11,000,000 remains payable.
Total of Sums so far Received.
[Lt. Col. G. L. Malone (Co. Liff) represents Layton East; Major P. B. Malone (Co. Liff) represents South Tottenham.]

GENOA CONFERENCE.

Lenin Not Going.

Riga, March 23.
M. Clucherin, Commissary of Foreign Affairs, will replace Lenin at the head of the delegation to Genoa.

U.S. GOVERNOR'S ARREST.

Oklmulgee, March 23.
The Governor of Oklahoma voluntarily submitted to arrest and was afterwards released on \$5,000 bail. (See earlier telegrams.)

INTERNATIONAL RUGBY.

Paris, March 23.
In a "Rugger" match, Wales beat France by 11 points to 3.

(Other Telegrams on Page 3.)

BANK DIVIDENDS.

Chartered Bank.

The local branch of the Chartered Bank of India, Australia and China has to-day received the following telegram from its Head Office in London:—

"At the approaching annual general meeting of shareholders, the Directors will recommend that a dividend be declared for the past half year at the rate of 14 per centum and a bonus of 6 3/4 per share free of income tax, that £100,000 be added to the Reserve Fund, that £25,000 be added to Officers' Superannuation Fund, that £50,000 be written off Prämises Account, and that £215,169 15s. 3d. be carried forward."

Mercantile Bank.

The local branch of the Mercantile Bank of India has received a telegram from its London Office advising that at the annual general meeting of shareholders, the Board of Directors will recommend a final dividend of 8 per cent. on the A. B. and C. shares (making 16 per cent. for the year 1921), less Income Tax, that £50,000 be carried to Reserve Fund (making that Fund £1,150,000), and that £137,671 be carried forward.

DAY BY DAY.

Our picture page tomorrow will contain photographs of the boxers who are to meet in the principal bouts at the forthcoming tournament, these being Teddy Neal and A. B. Chadwick (featherweights) and A. B. Duncan and C. P. O. Callaghan (middleweights). There will also appear photographs of Will Hender, the Jazz King, and Miss Rita Shields, the popular vocalist.

Commander Wang Keong arrived at Canton from Liuchow on 21st instant. He has returned to Canton to report to Governor Chen the result of his suppressing the bandits in Liuchow. Liuchow was formerly a resort of bandits, but after the arrival of General Wang last winter, the bandits have been suppressed by him. Peace in Liuchow at present is completely restored by the Commander. General Wang is reported to leave for Liuchow within two weeks. (Canton Times.)

HUNGHOM SHOOTING AFFRAY.

Attempt on Ricksha Proprietor.

Last night, at about 9 o'clock, Hunghom was the scene of a shooting affray, a ricksha proprietor, being the victim. He was shot and wounded, whilst in Bulkeley Street, by an unknown man, who made his escape.

Enquiries subsequently made by the police disclosed that the ricksha proprietor was returning to his home in Canton Street, Tsimsatsui, in his ricksha when a man came out of the darkness and fired two shots in quick succession, at almost point-blank range. One bullet penetrated deeply into the left side of his victim's abdomen while the other pierced his right forearm.

The injured man fell from his vehicle and was taken to the Kwong Wah Hospital, where he was attended by Dr. Small, who extracted the bullets from the wounds. The motive of the attack is not clear, by some it is alleged to be the result of a recent dispute which held up certain Kowloon rickshas.

BOXING CONTESTS.

Many Entries Received.

The Hon. Secretary of the Hongkong Boxing Association informs us that owing to the large number of entries received for the forthcoming Novices' Tournament, it has been found necessary to add a matinee on Saturday. The tournament will therefore start at 7 p.m. on Thursday and Friday, when preliminary fights will take place. The matinee on Saturday will be at 2.30 p.m., when the last preliminary fights and the semi-finals will be fought. The Saturday evening contests will commence at 9.15 p.m. sharp, the first fight being the Featherweight Championship, to be followed by four finals, and immediately after the interval, the Middleweight Championship will be fought, to be followed by the remaining three finals. It has been decided that a Flyweight Class be added, for which there are four entries. On Saturday night, the Band of the 2nd Battalion the King's Regiment, by kind permission of Lt. Col. Hyslop and the officers, will be in attendance.

The entries received for the different weight classes are as follows:—Flyweight, 4; Bantams, 14; Feathers, 15; Lights, 40; Welters, 23; Middles, 12; and Heavies, 5. Entries from different units were:—2nd Battalion the King's Regiment, 61; rest of Garrison, 4; Bazship, 17; light cruisers, 12; submarines, 6; Tamar and small ships, 3; Police, 4; civilians, 3. Owing to the numbers entering, the Boxing Committee have decided that any competitors failing to scale within weights for the class in which they have entered will be disqualified. Weighing and draw fights will take place on Wednesday next, the 22nd inst., at 5.30 p.m., at the Theatre Royal, underneath the stage. Each competitor will be given a number and will fight under that number. The programmes will give each competitor's name with his number in brackets beside his name, and the draw will only show the latter.

SANITARY SYSTEM FOR HANKOW.

The British Municipal Council at Hankow is contemplating the introduction of a modern sewerage system. According to one proposal the cost of this will be in the vicinity of £50,000, but in the meantime the authorities there are making reference to the Shanghai Municipal Council in order to obtain information regarding the system now in process of installation here. The Council at Hankow hopes to put its proposal in a concrete form before the ratifiers a year hence.

ARMED ROBBERIES.

Two More Cases.

The epidemic of armed robberies has spread to the Western district, where two affairs took place yesterday, in one of which a Chinese lady and her son were stabbed and sustained injuries which, it is feared, may end fatally for the former.

In the first case it is stated that Chan Pik-chee, who lives at No. 9 Hospital Road, was walking in that thoroughfare when just opposite the Ellis Kadoorie School, he was stopped by three men, one of whom was armed with a revolver, and subjected to a search. A purse containing \$40 was taken from his jacket, and, satisfied with this find, the robbers proceeded to make their escape. They ran through the Hospital grounds pursued by their victim, who had been joined by Police Sergeant Barnett. The man with the revolver, at one point in the chase, turned round and threatened to fire at his pursuers. When Eastern Street was reached the desperadoes had made their escape.

At the same spot where the first affair occurred, another robbery was carried out, apparently by another gang, from the fact that they were differently armed. With his mother, a 17-year old Chinese student was walking past the school when they were met by four men. The men's intentions being apparent, the boy blew a whistle, at which he was stabbed on the arm and his mother was also injured, but more seriously. She was stabbed in the abdomen and is in a bad way at the moment at the Government Civil Hospital, where she was taken after the robbery. As in the previous case, the robbers made their escape, but lacked the courage to rob their victims.

COAL THIEVES.

A Lame Excuse.

When an energetic police sergeant made what he calculated would be a surprise visit one line of sampans tied to the foreshore and conveniently near a leap of coal at East Point yesterday, he did not reckon that any culprit would think of making an escape by jumping overboard. But this was in fact what did happen. Considerable hubbub broke out on the appearance of the police officer, and a man leaped into the sea from one of the boats and made his escape. The sergeant then ransacked the boat in question and discovered a sack of coal stowed away in the hold. The mistress, along with her daughter-in-law, were brought up and charged before Mr. R. E. Lint, who said this morning. On responsibility being assumed by the elder woman, who sought also to excuse herself by relating a cock-and-bull story, his Worship imposed a sentence of a \$100 fine or, alternatively, six weeks' hard labour.

The defendant in another case told the Court that someone tied the bag of coal (amounting to half a ton) to the anchor of her sampan, and thus landed her in trouble with the police.

His Worship:—Somebody did it, I see. Dived into the water and tied the bag to your anchor? \$50 or seven weeks.

To-Day's Exchange.

The closing rate of the dollar on demand to-day was 2s. 5.5/16d.

The Weather.

2 p.m. Barometer:—30.13 Temperature:—58 Humidity:—60

Lighting-Up Time.

Lighting-up time to-day 6.36 p.m.

CANTON ASSASSINATION.

General Succumbs to Wounds.

Yesterday we reported an attempt on the life of General Tang Hong at Canton, and news is now to hand that the bullet which was fired at him had fatal effects.

It is reported (says the *Canton Times*) that last Tuesday evening at 7.30, while the late General was descending from the evening train from Hongkong at Tai-sha-tan, he was shot by an unknown assailant. A bullet penetrated his stomach. The General was immediately taken into a motor car to the French Hospital, where many Chinese and foreign doctors were called on to operate, and the operations seemed to be very successful. But at 1 o'clock yesterday morning, the General's condition suddenly became worse and at 4.30 yesterday morning he died.

The late Gen. Tang Hong was a native of Wai-yang district, and was 37 years old. He was a graduate of the Kwangtung Military Academy in Whampoa. In 1912 when Gen. Chen was Tschun or military governor of this province, he was holding the post of Garrison Commissioner of Kiangchow and Yehow. When Lung Chi-kuang invaded Kwangtung, Gen. Tang retired from service. Gen. Tang was a brave soldier. He had done brave deeds and won many battles in the campaign in ridding the province of the Kwangsi militarists and northern politicians in 1920. Last year, the General took a prominent part in the Kwangsi campaign, and he cleared out the remnant of Kwangsi troops and bandits on the North River last summer, when the former Kwangsi General Li Kang-yuan attempted to invade the province again.

The General is survived by an only son, 4 years old, a wife and a mother who is more than 60 years old. He was Chief of Staff and Commander of the First Division of the Cantonese Army.

News in To-day's New Advertisements.

The P. and O. agents give special notices to consignees of cargo which should have arrived here during the strike per s.s. *Kashgar*, *Jeypore* and *Dunera*.—Page 4.

The s.s. *Teiresias* has arrived in port and Messrs. Butterfield and Swire give consignees the usual notice on page 4.

The week-end attraction at the World Theatre is "The Blue Bonnet" in which Billie Rhodes is featured. —Pages 12 and 4.

For economy and satisfaction use *Sand Time Bricks*.—Page 4.

Cargo per the *Kamo Maru* which was landed at Shanghai during the strike will be returned by the same steamer. —Page 4.

Messrs. A. Tack and Co. advertise Duro-Point pencils. —Page 2.

Put the Prince's visit on record by taking photographs. Sincere's advertise photographic supplies. —Page 3.

The s.s. *Telemachus* has brought cargo which should have arrived by the s.s. *Theseus*. —Page 4.

Consignees of cargo per the *Persia Maru* are given the usual notice on page 4.

Mr. J. J. H. Ritman has ceased to be in the employ of the Holland China Trading Company. —Page 4.

Messrs. Goddard and Douglas will remove to 3rd Floor, No. 4, D. Vaux Road Central on April 1st. —Page 4.

The J. C. J. L. advise consignees that the *Tijiboda* has arrived bringing the cargo of the *Tjondari*. —Page 4.

Shareholders in the Dairy Farm Company are given a reminder regarding the calls and premium due in respect of the new issue shares. —Page 4.

At the *Coronet* to-night is showing *Marshall Nellan's "Go and Get It."* —Pages 4, 7, 9 and 12. Volunteer Orders appear on Page 9.

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PILLSFIRE DUE TO CIGARETTES.
During an inquest into a Moor-
side fire attributed by Colonel
Fox, chief of the London Salvage
Corps, to a cigarette, and having
been carelessly thrown down, the
coroner said that nearly half the
City fires were attributable to
cigarette smoking.

COUNCIL MEETING.

The Discussion on Land
Resumption.Below we give a fuller account
of the discussion at yesterday's
Legislative Council on the
question of Crown land re-
sumption.The Hon. Colonial Secretary, pro-
posing the second reading of the
Bill introduced an Ordinance to amend
the Crown Lands Resumption Or-
dinance, 1921, said: With regard
to this Bill I would like to add to
what the Hon. Attorney General
said on the occasion of the first
reading with respect to representa-
tions that have been made in
connection with clause 2 (c). There
was a fear expressed that holders
of land under permits and short
leases, where they had no guarantee
that their titles would be renewed,
may be deprived of their land and
buildings, if there are any on it,
without proper compensation. On
behalf of the Government I would
like to say that any such cases will
be treated in the same equitable
manner in which they have always
been treated in this Colony in the
past, and any compensation in re-
spect of their purely temporary
rights will be on an adequate and
equitable scale. The Ordinance, as
has been pointed out, is to aim at
speculation in land where purchase
is made at figures which have no
relation to the value of land and
which are partly based on the hope
that the Government may grant an
extension to which the holder of the
temporary title has no right at all.
The Hon. Colonial Treasurer re-
sponded.

The Chinese View.

Hon. Mr. Lau Chu-pak said:
Since the first reading of this Bill
many Chinese who have invested
largely in this Colony are very
much alarmed as to the safety of
such investments and their confi-
dence and good faith in the Govern-
ment has also been much shaken.
In their opinion this Bill, although
simple in form, would, when passed
into law, have very far-reaching
results, effecting great loss on those
who have helped to build up the
prosperity of this Colony by invest-
ing their money here and entailing
great hardship on the original set-
tlers on the island of Hongkong and
the New Territories. The remarks
just made by the Hon. Colonial
Secretary are no doubt meant as
answers to the arguments advanced
by the Chinese community, written
to me as Chairman of the Chamber
of Commerce more than a month
ago; but such arguments are still
unknown although known to the
Government by some of my Un-
official colleagues. With your Ex-
cellency's permission I will now
quote in full what the Chinese said
in that letter. Paragraph 1 of the
letter says: "As stated in the
Objects and Reasons of the Bill,
the only part that is practically new
is clause 2 (c) which aims at the
revelation of 'mere expectancies or
probabilities' from all claims for
compensation in land resumption.
Paragraph 1 of the Objects and
Reasons is not clear as to whether
the Bill is intended to apply to
lands held under certain tenures.
For instance, it is not clear from
the wording of either the Bill or
the example given in the Objects
whether building-lands held under
75-year and 21-year leases which do
not contain a 'renewal' clause
would come within the scope of the
proposed Bill. We cannot believe
that it is the intention of the Gov-
ernment to bring this class of
lands under the proposed law; but
if it is, we submit that compensation
should be paid in all such cases in
respect of the probabilities or ex-
pectancy that the leases would be
renewed."

Bought on Expectancy.

His Excellency interposed with
the remark that it was rather dif-
ficult to follow these discussions if
the point was left too long. He
would like the hon. member to say
whether it was seriously suggested
by the persons who wrote the letter
that when a lease expired, on a
definite date the holder was entitled
to expect renewal and if not renew-
ed was entitled to be compensated.
Hon. Mr. Lau Chu-pak: If such
was the condition under which the
land was leased to them I think
they are entitled to renewal.
Hon. Mr. Pollock remarked that it
seemed to amount to little more
than expectancy.
Hon. Mr. Lau Chu-pak: In al-
most every case in the Colony land
was bought on expectancy.Hon. Mr. Pollock: Supposing a
man has a lease for 75 years and
an agreement that the lease will be
renewed on certain terms, that is
a matter of agreement and not of
expectancy.

Before the British Came.

Hon. Mr. Lau Chu-pak, proceed-
ing, said: Another point raised by
the Chinese is most important, and
that is that land was originally held
by them before the Colony came
under the British flag. In the pro-
clamation by Captain Elliot at the
time of the cession of the Colony
to Great Britain there were these
words: "They (the Chinese) were
further secured in the enjoyment
of their lawful private property and
interests." Well, under the law of
China these men are still entitled
to hold their land in perpetuity and
when any resumption is made it
is only reasonable that compensa-
tion should be paid them. Under
this Bill now before us there will
be no compensation paid, because
the Government are taking back
from them the right of the
land and giving what is a
license in exchange. The natives
of the New Territories are
practically placed in the same posi-
tion. I think it is my duty to let
my Unofficial colleagues know all
the views of the Chinese as com-
municated to me in a letter dated
February 7th, if your Excellency
will allow me.His Excellency intimated that the
hon. member could proceed.

People Not Aimed At.

Hon. Mr. Lau Chu-pak, contin-
uing, said: Paragraph 5 of the
letter says: "Then there are lands
held by natives of the soil under
short leases or permits, or, in some
cases, we are informed, under
no leases or permits at all, although
the owners and their forefathers
have been occupants thereof from
time immemorial—long before the
Colony came under the British flag.
It has been represented to us that
a large number of these poor people
hold no leases but yearly permits,
from the Government, while we
have not even obtained permits for
putting up buildings on their land,
through their ignorance of British
law. It has been argued that no
matter what the form of possession
the people hold from the Govern-
ment, they have a right to the
permanent occupancy of the lands
handed down to them by their fore-
fathers, and that such right should
be respected in face of the Procla-
mation issued by Captain Elliot.
According to the land laws of China,
all titles to land, whether building
or agricultural, are practically per-
petual; and this being the case, it
would seem that the present
holders, so long as they can prove
their title, should be secured in the
enjoyment of their property, and
compensation should be paid to
them for any resumption according
to the prevailing market value,
irrespective of the question of ex-
pectancy or probability. We be-
lieve that it is not this class of peo-
ple that the Bill is designed to aim
at, but rather those who speculate
in land."

Seriously Affects Land Holdings.

Paragraph 6 says:
"The fear expressed by the Gov-
ernment in paragraph 2 of the Ob-
jects and Reasons that inflated
prices paid for land on mere ex-
pectancy might have the effect of check-
ing development of the district
concerned, is not shared by those
who have had intimate knowledge
of land development in the Colony.
That is required to stimulate a
healthy development in that direc-
tion is greater expedition in dealing
with applications for land and the
payment of fair compensations for
all lands resumed for public pur-
poses." In conclusion the letter
says: "While on this question of
resumption, we desire to bring to
the notice of the Government cer-
tain representations made to us, to
the effect that the Government has
often compulsorily resumed large
portions of private-owned land when
only a much smaller area was
actually required for public pur-
poses, and resold the excess at a
profit. We have been requested to
submit the suggestion, which we
accordingly do, though the ques-
tion does not directly come within
the purview of our inquiry, that the
Government may see their way in
future not to resume more land
than is absolutely necessary for a
public purpose." That is the let-
ter, Sir, I have received, and I
agree with the writers that the
operation of this Bill
if passed into law will seriously
affect land holdings in the Colony.and I submit the Government should
take their views more favourably
into consideration.Hon. Mr. Chow Shou-sun said:
I beg to state that I fully concur
with the opinions expressed by my
senior colleague.

His Excellency's Reply.

His Excellency the Governor said:
With regard to the question of
Chinese tenure I prefer not to say
anything at this stage, leaving it
to members of the Council more
familiar with the facts than I am.
I wish to say at once and emphati-
cally that I will not be a party to
any suggestion that a lease for a
fixed period of years contains
any suggestion, expectation or hope
of renewal unless it is specially so
stated in the lease. I take the
view which every landlord will take,
which is that if he grants his prop-
erty for a particular period
when that particular period expires
the lease is dead. It is for him to
decide on what terms he will renew
it at all. Therefore, if it is neces-
sary to resume land held on leasefor a specific number of years, such
lease containing no expectation or
promise of renewal, I would agree
to allowing any possible expectation
of tenancy of the Government to be
taken into account in assessing
compensation. It is a plain
business transaction. The other
point I should like to deal
with as far as I can under-
stand the suggestion of the letter
to which the hon. member has re-
ferred, is that it shall be open to
any land speculator to purchase
agricultural land at more than its
reasonable value because he has
reason to believe—he may possibly
be informed from private sources—
that a building scheme is intended
in the future and that therefore he
is justified in getting as much as
he can out of the community for
his business acumen. That is a
proposition from which I must think
of anything more calculated to de-
lay the development of the Colony
than a system of the kind by which
people obtaining private informa-
tion or possibly guessing accurately
where future developments are
likely to take place, proceed to buy
up land with the view to holding
it up for the Government for a higher
price.Chinese Law Bites Two Ways.
If anybody raises the price
beyond the market value I prefer
it to be the original holder instead
of the speculator. With regard to
permits dealt with by the Hon.
Colonial Secretary, it has been the
practice of the Government to take
a very reasonable view. In many
cases of leases for a limited period
of years we have actually granted
compensation for buildings for
which no compensation was really
due. I think the Government may
be relied upon to deal in a reason-
able spirit with any cases of years
permits where there is a real andreasonable expectation that the
tenancy will be renewed. It is im-
probable that there are any pre-
British holdings on this island with-
out definite titles, but I am not in
a position to deal with that just
now. The suggestion is made that
under Chinese law anybody who is
found in the actual possession of
certain land is entitled to it in
perpetuity. I do not know whether
it is Chinese law; if so it sounds
rather remarkable. I think if we
are going to apply the principles of
Chinese law with regard to land
tenure we shall certainly apply
them with regard to the compensa-
tion which is paid. If the hon.
member will enquire into the ques-
tion with regard to the compensa-
tion paid in Canton when the new
streets were built he will receive one
of the surprises of his life.There being no further discussion
the second reading of the Bill was
taken, the Chinese members dissent-
ing. The Bill subsequently passed
all stages.

The Rents Ordinance.

His Excellency the Governor
said: It is not proposed to proceed
to-day with the next item on the
paper (Second reading of the Bill
intituled an Ordinance to restrict
the taking of legal proceedings in
respect of certain acts and matters
done during the war and to provide
in certain cases remedies in substi-
tution therefor). Before we adjourn
there is one matter of which I
should like to say a few words.
You will remember about this time
last year, after much hesitation and
reluctance, I was compelled to in-
troduce a Bill restricting rents. I
expressed at the time, the hope that
it would not be necessary to retain
that Bill in operation for more than
one year. At the time the Bill
was passed certain fears were
expressed as to the effect that it
might have on building and gener-
ally on business, which fears, I am
glad to say, have proved not to be
well founded. "There has been"
very considerable amount of build-
ing during last year. I had hoped
that it would have been sufficient to
relieve the previous shortage of
housing accommodation to an
extent which would make it un-
necessary to continue the Ordinance
in operation. I am informed, how-
ever, that that has not been the
case and that it is still necessary
to keep this Ordinance alive. A
otherwise the tenants will again be
in the unfortunate position from
which we had to rescue them last
year, that is at the mercy of un-
scrupulous landlords. I therefore
wish to give notice now that it is
the intention of the Government to
propose in this week or rather the
Ordinance governing the rents of
residential premises, and I am
glad to say that the Ordinance may
be passed in some cases, will inform
the Government of the House of
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creased from 602,500 in 1916 to 1,068,900

in 1920."—Extract from Report.

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hip on the landlords, and it may be
desirable to introduce some amend-
ments to it. The nature of these
amendments will require some con-
sideration. The reason why a man
on the matter now is that there will
be a great number of cases in which
the Government will have to order
the removal of the tenants from the
land, and that the removal of the
landlords in some cases will inform
the Government of the House of
Legislative Council.

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EARLIER TELEGRAMS.

THE REPARATIONS DECISION.

Paris, March 23.
The Reparations Commission's decisions include the following provisions: Of the 1,450,000,000 of gold marks to be paid in kind, France will receive 950,000,000, and suspension of payments temporarily permitted will be considered by the Commission on 31st May, who, if not satisfied that efforts are being made to meet the instalments, may demand payment of the overdue amounts within a fortnight.

In addition to stipulating that any unpaid balances for 1921 and 1922 will be considered as debt at five per cent. interest, the Reparations Commission demands that Germany immediately draw up a scheme for increasing taxation in the 1922-23 budget by at least sixty milliards of paper marks, and reducing expenditure.

Berlin, March 23.

The Reparations decision arrived like a bombshell. The Foreign Affairs Committee hastily adjourned and the Cabinet was summoned. The *Vossische Zeitung* says that instead of alleviating Germany's financial position, the decision has done the opposite. The *Deutsche Allgemeine* declares that the decision is overbrimming with unprecedented penalties. The *Vorwarts* predicts unusual excitement, especially among the workers. The *Berlin Tageblatt* describes the demands as especially severe and humiliating.

THE FOUR POWER PACT.

Washington, March 23.

Threatened with an interminable debate on the Four Power Treaty, the Senate has decided to limit individual speeches to an hour. Before the limit was imposed a flood of speeches was unloaded. Senators who had prepared long addresses jostled one another to obtain a hearing.

Senator La Follette bitterly assailed the Treaty, declaring that it was simply an extension of the Anglo-Japanese alliance. Moreover, it bound the United States to support all British and Japanese claims in the Pacific.

Senator Pomeroy, Democratic member of the Foreign Relations Committee, supporting the Treaty admitted that it constituted an alliance, but a non-aggressive one. He objected to weakening the part by reservations and asked how any Democrat who supported the Versailles Treaty could justify himself in opposing the present Treaty.

THE ARMIES OF OCCUPATION.

Washington, March 23.

Mr. Hughes' note to the Allies regarding the demand for payment of the cost of occupation declares that the Franco-Belgian occupation costs have been fully paid. The unpaid balance up to May last year, amounted in all to 1,650,000,000 gold marks, of which Britain had since received 131,000,000 thereof. "Subject to the rights of the United States."

The note argues that since the sharing of the United States in priority payments was not made conditional on ratification of the Treaty, failure to ratify should not be construed as affecting American rights. Moreover, Germany explicitly consented to priority of payment of the costs of the American occupation, notwithstanding the fact that America had not ratified the Treaty.

THE DISSENSION IN IRELAND.

London, March 23.

Referring to the Irish Provisional Government's ban, mentioned on 18th inst., Commandant O'Connor, Director of Engineering of the I.R.A., declares that resolutions will be submitted to the Convention on 25th inst., reaffirming the allegiance of the Army to the Republic and appointing an executive which will supremely control the Army. He declared the Convention will represent at least 80 per cent. of the Army and that the Army is prepared to take the offensive against the Provisional Government even if at the elections a majority of the people supported the latter.

THE CANNES CONFERENCE.

Paris, March 23.

A charge of the Government's intentions as regards international meetings is contained in an announcement stating that in deference to the Allies' unanimous opinion, France will consent to be bound by arrangements wherein she has participated at London and Cannes, but henceforward the actions of French delegates are subject to parliamentary approval. It is added that this attitude was defined when Mr. Lloyd George asked M. Poincare to go to Genoa with a view to entering pledges on behalf of France.

GRAFT IN AMERICA.

Oklmulgee (Oklahoma), March 23.

A warrant has been issued for the arrest of the Governor of Oklahoma, Mr. Robertson, and a State Bank Commissioner, Mr. Dennis, on charges of accepting bribes to permit a bank to do business after it was found insolvent. It is alleged that they accepted \$25,000. The Governor is also charged with depositing \$150,000 worth of State funds after the insolvency was discovered.

RUSSIAN FAR EASTERN REPUBLIC.

Reval, March 23.

The Government of the Far Eastern Republic has sent notes to Japan, Britain and America protesting against alleged support for the White Guards and the export of Republican property from Vladivostok.

THE NAVAL REDUCTIONS.

London, March 23.

In the House of Commons, replying to Sir Frederick Hall, Sir Lt.-Col. Amery said that while the naval reductions were naturally dependent on general ratification by Washington of the Naval Treaty, they were not necessarily dependent on ratification of the Pacific agreement.

THE RATE FOR ROUBLES.

Reval, March 23.

The ruling rate for foreign remittances to Russia through the Russian Imperial Bank is 580,000 Soviet roubles to a dollar.

THE ASIA MINOR TROUBLES.

Paris, March 23.

The Allied Foreign Ministers have resolved jointly to telegraph Athens, Constantinople and Ankara proposing a three months armistice in Asia Minor and the establishment of a neutral zone ten kilometres wide under the control of Allied Commissioners.

COUNCIL MEETING.

(Continued From Page 2).
Financial Minutes.

The Hon. Colonial Secretary presided over the meeting of the Finance Committee and explained the following votes, which were approved:

\$1,200 in aid of the vote Kowloon-Canton Railway, other Charges, Maintenance of Way, Works and Stations, Repairs, Station Buildings.

The Hon. Colonial Secretary said that the engineer of the railway had reported that in consequence of the abnormal heavy passenger traffic passing at times through the collapsible gates at Kowloon station it was necessary for them to be replaced. Repairs and replacements must be taken in hand at once. There were new gates and spare parts in stock and it was proposed to utilise them. The estimate for carrying out the work amounted to \$1,200.

\$3,388 on Account of Kowloon-Canton Railway, Special Expenditure, Additional Sidings, Loco Yard, Hung Hom.

The Hon. Colonial Secretary explained that the manager of the railway had reported that considerable difficulty was being experienced in cleaning the coaches. The proposal was to transfer the whole of the cleaning to Hung Hom and put in three sidings, lay additional water pipes, etc. To do the work efficiently would cost \$3,388.

Hon. Mr. Parr said that meant the coaches proceeding to Hung Hom and then going back again.

Hon. Colonial Secretary said that with the present method it was impossible to clean the coaches in time for the next day's traffic. If the coaches were concentrated in one place they could be cleaned properly, the cisterns filled and everything done to them that was necessary and so that they could move out the next morning.

Hon. Mr. Parr: They clean the coaches at night?

Hon. Colonial Secretary: Yes, it is done at night.

The Council adjourned until Thursday next.

WORLD THEATRE.

"The Blue Bonnet" Billie Rhodes Picture.

Billie Rhodes, dainty ingenue star, who for years convulsed motion picture fandom by her original style of teaming in short comedy subjects and later thrilled by her performances in several big special productions, will be seen at the World Theatre, beginning Friday, 24th, in her first W. W. Hodkinson release, "The Blue Bonnet," unquestionably one of the times; and most powerful screen vehicles before the public to-day.

Ruth Drake, reared as the child of strangers after being deserted by her mother in infancy, joins the Salvation Army to help American doughboys at home and abroad, and, incidentally, to be near her childhood sweetheart, Danny Fowler, who has enlisted. Her mother, following her desertion of her husband and child to take up a stage career, became an overnight success with the aid of her shrewd manager and backer, Sidney Harland, whom she loves. Shortly after Danny Harland leaves for overseas Ruth is assigned for work near the battle-ground. She gets over in time to nurse Danny in his last hours and to assist in restoring Harland to health. Returning to America with him Ruth is arrested, charged with robbery, on the complaint of the actress—a false accusation prompted by jealousy.

In a thrilling courtroom scene in which Ruth is defended by Jarius Drake, a derelict but once a prosperous lawyer, who proves to be her father. He recognizes her accuser as the wife who betrayed him. A moment later father and daughter are united while the wretched woman steals away to prevent her husband from carrying out his vow to kill.

SHAKESPEARE IN SCHOOLS.

"On the understanding that expenditure of this kind has now ceased," the Minister of Health has sanctioned the expenditure by the L.C.C. of £7,093 in 1920-21, and £193 in 1921-22, in connection with payments to the London Central Shakespeare Committee of Teachers.

NOTICE

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Tournament Results.

The tennis tournament matches played on the H.K.C.C. ground yesterday afternoon resulted as follows:
Open Singles.—S. A. Ramjohn beat V. Yvanovich 6-4, 6-8, 6-4.
J. B. Penman beat G. M. Dedwell 6-0, 6-2, 6-3.

Handicap Singles "A".—R. M. Smith (+8/6) beat R. K. Valentine (+15), walk over.

Handicap Doubles.—G. Miskin and C. Blaker (ser.) beat D. M. Lockins and C. Y. Mark (+15) 6-8, 6-4; E. G. Lammert and J. A. Wozniak (+ 4/6) beat A. S. Exell and A. G. Simpson (+15) 6-1, 6-3.

THE BILLIARD CHAMPIONSHIP.

Last Night's Match.

Playing in the open championship at the V.R.C. last night, L. A. Osmond beat R. F. de Luz, 500-311. Osmond's best effort was 47, while Luz got a 25. The game was very interesting, although the run of the balls was against Luz.

To-morrow night (Saturday) P. A. Yvanovich meets E. Antonio, at 8.30 p.m.
Mixed Doubles.—A. D. Ball and Miss Harrison (-3/6) beat G. B. Sayer and Mrs. Sayer (-2/6) 5-7, 6-1, 6-1.

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NOTICE.

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NOTICES.

I have this day handed over the Management of this Company's Branches in Hongkong and Canton to Mr. John de B. Lancaster, Local Manager.

W. E. HALE.

Acting Local Manager.
Hongkong, 23rd. March, 1922.

The Directors of the Company have appointed Messrs. Dodwell & Co. Ltd. as Agents of the Company for Hongkong and Canton and the business of the Company in those areas will be under their charge as from 1st April 1922. On and after that date all communications relating thereto should therefore be addressed to Messrs. Dodwell & Co. Ltd. as Agents of the Company.

Mr. T. F. Sherman, Jr., has been appointed Resident Inspector of the Company and will have a seat in Messrs. Dodwell & Co. Ltd.'s Office and will be in charge of the Company's interests, and Mr. Tse Yan Pak will also continue to act as Comptroller for the Company under Messrs. Dodwell & Co. Ltd.

The present Branch Offices of the Company in Hongkong and Canton will be closed as from the same date.

JOHN DE B. LANCASTER.
Local Manager.
Hongkong, 23rd. March 1922.

We have accepted the Agency of the Liverpool and London and Globe Insurance Co. Ltd. for Hongkong and Canton and will take charge of the Company's interests in those areas as from 1st April 1922.

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NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

The Fifty-third Ordinary General Meeting of Shareholders will be held at the Offices of the undersigned on Friday, the 31st March, 1922, at Noon, for the purpose of receiving the Report of the General Managers, together with a statement of Accounts for the year ended the 31st December 1921.

The Share Register and Transcripts will be closed from the 17th to the 31st March, 1922, both days inclusive.

JARDINE MATHESON & CO. LTD.

General Managers.

Hongkong, 19th. March, 1922.

HONGKONG POLO CLUB.

For the convenience of those Members of the Polo Club and their friends, who wish to watch the Polo on the afternoon of April 6th, temporary stands are being erected on the South (Pavilion) side of the ground, to which admission will be by ticket only. Members can obtain tickets from Mr. J. Bell-Young, c/o Messrs. Jardine, Matheson & Co. Ltd. Owing to the limited accommodation available, tickets for friends will be limited to four per Member.

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GENERAL PUBLIC Tuesday, 28th. March, when tickets for Thursday and Friday (unreserved) will also be sold.

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NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

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consignees are notified that all goods are being landed at their risk into the Godowns of the Hongkong & Kowloon Wharf & Godown Co. Ltd., whence and/or from the wharves delivery may be obtained.

Goods not cleared by the 31st March, 1922, will be subject to rent.

All broken, chafed and damaged packages are to be left in the Godowns, where they will be examined on the 30th. March, 1922 at 10 a.m. by Messrs. Goddard & Douglas.

Claims against the steamer must be presented in writing within ten days after arrival of steamer, otherwise they will not be recognised.

No Fire Insurance will be effected by the undersigned in any case whatever.

Bills of Lading will be countersigned by

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Hongkong, 24th. March, 1922

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

THE BEN LINE STEAMERS LIMITED.

S.S. "BENVOLICH"

Consignees of Cargo from Antwerp, Middlesbrough, London and Straits Ports per the above-mentioned steamer are hereby notified that all cargo, with the exception of Explosives and Heavy Lifts, has been brought forward from Singapore per s.s. "BENVOLICH" and is now being landed at their risk into the Godowns of the Hongkong & Kowloon Wharf & Godown Co. Ltd., whence and/or from the wharves delivery may be obtained.

No Claims will be admitted after the Goods have left the Godowns, and all cargo remaining undelivered after the 25th. inst. will be subject to rent.

All claims against the steamer must be presented to the undersigned on or before the 1st April, or they will not be recognised.

All broken, chafed, and damaged Goods are to be left in the Godowns, where they will be examined on the 25th. inst. at 10 a.m.

No Fire Insurance has been effected.

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Hongkong 18th. March 1922

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

S.S. "KAMO MARU"

From EUROPE AND STRAITS

Consignees of cargo by the above steamer are hereby notified that same (excepting the goods from London covered by bills of lading Nos. 28 to 33 and other few lots) will be returned from Shanghai by the same steamer on the 24th inst. and these goods will be landed and placed at their risk in the Hongkong and Kowloon Wharf and Godown Company's Godowns at Kowloon, where each consignment will be sorted out mark by mark and delivery can be obtained as soon as the goods are landed.

Goods not cleared by the 31st March, 1922, will be subject to rent.

Damaged packages must be left in the Godowns for examination by the consignees and the Co.'s representatives at an appointed hour on Tuesday and Friday. All claims must be presented within ten days of the steamer's arrival here, after which date they cannot be recognised.

No claims will be admitted after the goods have left the Godowns.

NIPPON YUSEN KAISHA. Agents.

Hongkong, 23rd. March, 1922.

CONSIGNEES.

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

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Consignees per Company's Steamer "THESEUS"

are hereby notified that the Cargo has been brought forward by S.S. "TELEMACHIUS" and will be discharged into Holt's Wharf, Kowloon, where it will be at Consignee's risk and subject to terms and conditions of storage at Holt's wharf. The Cargo will be ready for delivery from Godown on and after 24th March.

Optional cargo will be landed, unless notice has been given prior to steamer's arrival.

All broken, chafed, and damaged goods are to be left in the Godowns, where they will be examined on any Tuesdays and Fridays between the hours of 10.45 a.m. and noon within the free storage period.

No claims will be admitted after the Goods have left the steamer's Godown, and all Goods remaining undelivered after the 30th. March, will be subject to rent and any additional charges for coolie hire incurred.

All Claims against the Steamer must be presented to the undersigned on or before the 15th April, or they will not be recognised.

Consignees are urgently requested to make prompt arrangements for removing or storing cargo. Failure to do so will result in congestion in the Godowns, which will entail delay in the return of subsequent cargoes.

No Fire Insurance will be effected.

BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE. Agents.

Hongkong, 23rd. March, 1922.

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

TOYO KISEN KAISHA.

S.S. "PERSIA"

From SAN FRANCISCO via HONOLULU, JAPAN PORTS & DAIREN.

The above named Steamer having arrived on Thursday, 23rd. March, 1922, consignees of cargo are hereby notified to present their Bills of Lading for counter signature and take immediate delivery from alongside steamer or the Company's Godown, where all cargo impeding immediate discharge will be landed at consignee's risk.

Cargo that could not be landed into the Godowns owing to scarcity of space, will be kept in lighters at consignee's risk and expense.

Storage will be assessed on cargo remaining undelivered after Thursday, 30th. March, 1922.

All broken, chafed and damaged packages will be landed into the Company's Godown where same will be examined on 30th. March, 1922, at 11 a.m.

No claims will be recognised after goods have left the steamer or Godown, and none will be entertained if presented later than three weeks after arrival of steamer.

No Fire Insurance whatever will be effected.

Y. TSUTSUMI. Manager.

Hongkong, March, 2nd. 1922.

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

PENINSULAR & ORIENTAL STEAM NAVIGATION CO.

S.S. "DUNERA"

Consignees of cargo from Europe, Bombay and Colombo per s.s. "Dunera" are hereby notified that part of the Cargo landed at Singapore owing to the Strike will be returned to Hongkong per s.s. "Kalyan" due to arrive on or about the 25th. instant, and the balance will be forwarded per s.s. "Euryalos" due on or about the 2nd. April. Consignees are therefore requested to make the necessary arrangements respecting delivery etc.

MACKINNON MACKENZIE & CO. Agents.

Hongkong, 23rd. March, 1922.

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

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Consignees per Co's Steamer "TELESIA"

are hereby notified that the Cargo will be discharged into Holt's Wharf, Kowloon, where it will be at Consignee's risk and subject to terms and conditions of storage at Holt's wharf. The Cargo will be ready for delivery from Godown on and after 24th March.

Optional cargo will be landed, unless notice has been given prior to steamer's arrival.

All broken, chafed, and damaged goods are to be left in the Godowns, where they will be examined on any Tuesdays and Fridays between the hours of 10.45 a.m. and noon within the free storage period.

No claims will be admitted after the Goods have left the steamer's Godown, and all Goods remaining undelivered after the 30th. March, will be subject to rent.

All Claims against the Steamer must be presented to the undersigned on or before the 15th April, or they will not be recognised.

No Fire Insurance will be effected.

BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE. Agents.

Hongkong, 24th. March, 1922.

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

PENINSULAR & ORIENTAL STEAM NAVIGATION CO.

Consignees of cargo from Europe, Bombay and Colombo per s.s. "KASHGAR" and S.S. "JENPORE" are hereby notified that part of the cargo which was landed at Shanghai ex these Steamers owing to the strike will be returned per S.S. "TAKADA" due to arrive here on or about 25th. instant. Consignees are therefore requested to make the necessary arrangements respecting delivery etc.

MACKINNON MACKENZIE & CO. Agents.

Hongkong, 23rd. March, 1922.

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

CHINA SUGAR REFINING COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE.

The Forty-fourth Ordinary Annual Meeting of the Shareholders of the above Company will be held at the Offices of the General Agents, Pedder Street, on Wednesday the 29th March at 11 a.m. for the purpose of receiving the Report and Statement of Accounts for the year ending 31st December 1921.

The Transfer Books of the Company will be closed from the 15th to 29th March, both days inclusive.

JARDINE MATHESON AND CO. LTD. General Agents.

Hongkong, 19th March, 1922.

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The undersigned are prepared to quote prices for best quality freshly mined SILIMPOPON COAL, trimmed into Bankers at SEBATTIK or SANDAKAN (British North Borneo) or to contract for regular Bunker Supplies for 6 or 12 months at favourable rates.

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will be loading for Rotterdam, Amsterdam, Hamburg, Copenhagen and other Scandinavian Ports, about 20th. March, 1922.

Further Sailings:

Expected on or about	Will leave for above ports on or about
M. S. "TONGKING"	25th April
M. S. "MALAYA"	14th April
M. S. "JAYA"	7th May
M. S. "PERU"	15th June

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Hongkong, 20th. March, 1922.

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In their first hockey match since 1913, the Coldstream team beat Capt. J. C. Collingwood's eleven by nine goals to two.

The Northern Union have followed the example of the F.A. by banning women's "Soccer" on the grounds of clubs under their jurisdiction.

J. A. Boss, the old Fettes College and Edinburgh Wanderers' forward, is going to try his luck again in the Army Boxing Championships.

Mr. W. Morrison, jeweller, has granted a trophy for competition among the members of Falkirk's newly-constituted golf club.

In aid of St. Dunstan's, a billiard match for boys under 15 years of age will start at the Old Burroughes Hall, Soho Square, on June 5. The winner will hold a silver challenge cup, value 50 guineas.

W. Huxley, the well-known jockey, is to return from India to ride for Mr. J. H. Crawford's Ogbourne stable, where Mr. Goudas' horses are trained.

CONSIGNEES.

NIPPON YUSEN KAISHA.

Consignees are hereby notified that arrangements are being made to return the following cargoes to Hongkong which had been overcarried to and discharged at other ports owing to the recent strikes, as under:—

FROM KOBE.

Ex "Tango Maru" from Australia returning per "Awa Maru" Due 21st. March.
Ex "Calcutta Maru" from Calcutta, and Straits, returning per "Awa Maru" Due 21st. March.
FROM SINGAPORE.

Ex "Wakasa Maru" from Japan, returning per "Tatsuno Maru" Due 30th. March.
Ex "Penang Maru" from Japan, returning per "Mito Maru" Due 31st. March.
Ex "Tokushima Maru" from Japan, returning per "Mito Maru" Due 31st. March.
FROM SHANGHAI.

Ex "Kamo Maru" from Europe returning per "Kamo Maru" Due 24th. March.
Ex "Totori Maru" from Europe returning per "Katori Maru" Due 1st. April.
Ex "Toyohashi Maru" from Europe returning per "Katori Maru" Due 1st. April.
Ex "Iyo Maru" from Europe returning per "Suwa Maru" Due 4th. April.
Ex "Aizawa Maru" from Europe returning per "Suwa Maru" Due 4th. April.
Ex "Katori Maru" from Seattle, Japan & Shanghai returning per "Totori Maru" Due 2nd. April.
Ex "Fushimi Maru" from Seattle, Japan & Shanghai returning per "Totori Maru" Due 2nd. April.

The s.s. "Katori Maru" and the s.s. "Katori Maru" having very little space available, a great portion of the overcarried cargoes will be returned by "Suwa Maru" and "Totori Maru".
NIPPON YUSEN KAISHA. Agents.
Hongkong, March, 21st. 1922.

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

TOYO KISEN KAISHA.

From SAN FRANCISCO via HONOLULU, JAPAN PORTS & SHANGHAI

S.S. "TAIYO MARU"

The above named Steamer having arrived on Wednesday, 22nd. March, 1922, consignees of cargo are hereby notified to present their Bills of Lading for countersignature, and take immediate delivery from alongside steamer or the Company's Godown, where all cargo impeding immediate discharge will be landed at consignees' risk.

Cargo that could not be landed into the godowns owing to scarcity of space, will be kept in lighters at consignees' risk and expense.

Storage will be assessed on cargo remaining undelivered after Wednesday, 29th. March, 1922.

All broken, chafed and damaged packages will be examined on Wednesday, 29th. March, 1922 at 11 a.m.

No claims will be recognised after goods have left the steamer or Godown, and none will be entertained if presented later than three weeks after arrival of steamer.

No fire insurance whatever will be effected.

Y. TSUTSUMI, Manager.

Hongkong, 21st. March, 1922.

CONSIGNEES.

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

"GLEN" LINE LIMITED.

M.V. "GLENAMORY" From UNITED KINGDOM and INTERMEDIATE Ports.
M.V. "GLENARA" From UNITED KINGDOM and INTERMEDIATE Ports.

Consignees of cargo by the above vessels are hereby informed that same has been returned from Shanghai by M. V. "GLENARA" to-day and all goods are being landed at their risk into the hazardous and/or extra hazardous Godowns of the Hongkong and Kowloon Wharf and Godown Company, Limited, whence, and/or from the wharves, delivery may be obtained.

Goods not cleared by the 25th. March 1922, at 5 p.m. will be subject to rent.

All broken, chafed and damaged packages are to be left in the Godowns where they will be examined in the presence of consignees by Messrs. Goddard and Douglas, on 25th. March, at 10 a.m. Claims against the steamer including those for cargo short delivered must be presented on the special form provided and must also be submitted within 30 days of arrival otherwise they will not be recognised.

No Fire Insurance will be effected by us in any case whatever.

Bills of Lading will be countersigned by

JARDINE, MATHESON & CO., LTD. Agents.

Hongkong, 18th. Mar., 1922.

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

NANYO YUSEN KAISHA, Ltd.

From JAPAN.

The Steamship "MACASSAR MARU"

having arrived from the above ports, consignees of cargo by her are hereby informed that all goods are being landed at their risk into the Godowns of the Hongkong and Kowloon Wharf and Godown Company, Limited, whence, and/or from the wharves, delivery may be obtained.

Goods not cleared by the 28th. inst. will be subject to rent.

All broken, chafed and damaged packages are to be left in the Godowns where they will be examined at 10 a.m. on the 28th. inst. Claims against the steamer must be presented within 10 days of arrival otherwise they will not be recognised.

No fire insurance will be effected by us in any case whatever.

Bills of Lading will be countersigned by

NANYO YUSEN KAISHA, LTD. Agents.

Hongkong, 22nd. March 1922.

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NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

EASTERN & AUSTRALIAN S.S. COMPANY LTD.

S.S. "EASTERN"

FROM AUSTRALIAN PORTS.

Consignees of Cargo by above vessel are hereby informed that same will be returned from Japan by the s.s. "Takada" due here on the 26th. instant, and all goods will be landed and placed AT THEIR RISK in the Hongkong and Kowloon Wharf and Godown Company's Godowns at Kowloon where each consignment will be sorted out mark by mark and delivery can be obtained as soon as the goods are landed.

Goods not cleared within 8 days, including date of arrival, will be subject to rent.

No Fire Insurance will be effected by us in any case whatever.

Damaged packages must be left in the Godowns for examination by the Company's Surveyors, Messrs. Goddard & Douglas, at 10 a.m. on Mondays and Thursdays.

All claims must be presented within ten days of the Steamer's arrival here, after which date they cannot be recognised.

No Claims will be admitted after the Goods have left the Godown.

MACKINNON, MACKENZIE & CO. Agents.

Hongkong, March, 24th. 1922.

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

THE BEN LINE STEAMERS, LIMITED.

From ANTWERP, MIDDLESBRO, LONDON AND STRAITS.

The Steamship "BENALDER"

Consignees of cargo are hereby informed that all Goods are being landed at their risk into the hazardous and/or extra hazardous Godowns of the Hongkong and Kowloon Wharf and Godown Co., Ltd., whence and/or from the wharves delivery may be obtained.

No claims will be admitted after the Goods have left the Godowns, and all Goods remaining undelivered after the 25th. inst. will be subject to rent.

All claims against the steamer must be presented to the Under-Signed on or before the 1st April or they will not be recognised.

All broken, chafed and damaged Goods are to be left in the Godowns where they will be examined on 25th. March, at 10 a.m.

No Fire Insurance has been effected.

Bills of Lading will be countersigned by

GIBB, LIVINGSTON & CO. LIMITED. Agents.

Hongkong, 16th. March, 1922.

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

BRITISH INDIA STEAM NAVIGATION CO. LTD.

S.S. "TANDA" & "TAKADA"

Consignees of cargo from Calcutta, Rangoon and Straits per S.S. "TANDA" and "TAKADA" are hereby notified that a part of the cargo for Hongkong which was landed at Shanghai & Japan owing to the recent strikes is coming forward per S.S. "TAKADA" due to arrive here on or about the 25th. instant.

The cargo will be landed into the Godowns of the Hongkong & Kowloon Wharf & Godown Co., Ltd., and Consignees are requested to make the necessary arrangements respecting delivery.

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THE ADMIRAL LINE

The Steamship "ENDICOTT"

having arrived from New York via ports, on 19th. inst. consignees are hereby notified that their cargo is being landed in the Godowns of The Hon Shan Godown Co., Nos. 1 & 2 Dundas Street, Yaumati, and stored at consignees' risk.

Consignees of cargo must produce an Import Permit signed by the Superintendent of Imports and Exports, Hongkong, before Bills of Lading will be countersigned.

All chafed, broken and damaged cargo is to be left in the Godowns, where it will be examined by the Company's Surveyors, Messrs. Anderson and Ash, on 25th. inst. at 9.30 a.m.

All claims must be presented within thirty days of the steamer's arrival here, after which they cannot be recognised. No Claims will be recognised after the goods have left the godowns, and cargo undelivered on and after March 27th, will be subject to rent.

No Fire Insurance whatever will be effected.

Consignees are requested to send in their Bills of Lading for countersignature immediately.

THE BARBER STEAMSHIP LINES, INC.

UNITED STATES SHIPPING BOARD

THE ADMIRAL LINE. Agents.

Hongkong, March, 21st. 1922.

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

TOYO KISEN KAISHA.

From SOUTH AMERICAN PORTS via SAN FRANCISCO, HONOLULU & JAPAN PORTS.

S.S. "ANYO MARU"

The above named steamer having arrived on Monday, the 20th. March, 1922, consignees of cargo are hereby notified to present their Bills of Lading for countersignature, and take immediate delivery from alongside steamer or the Company's Godown, where all cargo impeding immediate discharge will be landed at consignees' risk.

Cargo that could not be landed into the godowns owing to scarcity of space, will be kept in lighters at Consignees' risk and expense.

Storage will be assessed on all landed cargo remaining undelivered after 27th. March, 1922. Date for examination of all broken, chafed and damaged packages will be advised later.

No claims will be recognised after the goods have left the steamer or godown, and none will be entertained if presented later than three weeks after arrival of steamer.

No fire insurance whatever will be effected.

Y. TSUTSUMI, Manager.

Hongkong, 22nd. March, 1922.

"DECONTROL" OF LONDON STOCK EXCHANGE.

There appears every prospect that before long the Stock Exchange will revert to its pre-war method of transacting business.

At present the temporary regulations imposed owing to Treasury control are in force. It is not yet known when these regulations will be removed, but the Stock Exchange Committee has been considering the question of the conditions upon which business shall be conducted when the Treasury control is lifted, and has now announced its proposals. At present dealings are for cash, but the committee propose that

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NIPPON YUSEN KAISHA.

S.S. "CALCUTTA MARU" From CALCUTTA & RANGOON via STRAITS.

S.S. "TANGO MARU" From AUSTRALIA via MANILA.

S.S. "AKI MARU" From YOKOHAMA.

Consignees of cargo by the above steamers are hereby informed that same has been reshipped from Kobe and arrived at Hongkong by

S.S. "AWA MARU" To-day and that their goods are being landed and placed at their risk in the Hongkong and Kowloon Wharf and Godown Company's Godowns at Kowloon, where each consignment will be sorted out mark by mark and delivery can be obtained as soon as the goods are landed.

Goods not cleared by the 29th. March, 1922, will be subject to rent.

Damaged packages must be left in the godowns for examination by the consignees and the Co's representatives at an appointed hour on Tuesday and Friday. All claims must be presented within ten days of the steamer's arrival here, after which date they cannot be recognised. No claims will be admitted after the goods have left the Godowns.

NIPPON YUSEN KAISHA. Agents.

Hongkong, March, 22nd. 1922.

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

"GLEN" LINE LIMITED.

From UNITED KINGDOM, PORT SAID, COLOMBO & STRAITS.

The M. V. "GLENAPP"

having arrived from the above ports, Consignees of Cargo by her are hereby informed that all goods are being landed at their risk into the hazardous and/or extra hazardous Godowns of the Hongkong and Kowloon Wharf and Godown Company, Limited, whence, and/or from the wharves, delivery may be obtained.

Goods not cleared by the 30th. March, at 5 p.m. will be subject to rent.

All broken, chafed and damaged packages are to be left in the Godowns where they will be examined in the presence of consignees by Messrs. Goddard & Douglas, on 30th. March, at 10 a.m. Claims against the steamer including those for cargo short delivered must be presented on the special form provided, and must also be submitted within 30 days of arrival, otherwise they will not be recognised.

No Fire Insurance will be effected by us in any case whatever.

Bills of Lading will be countersigned by

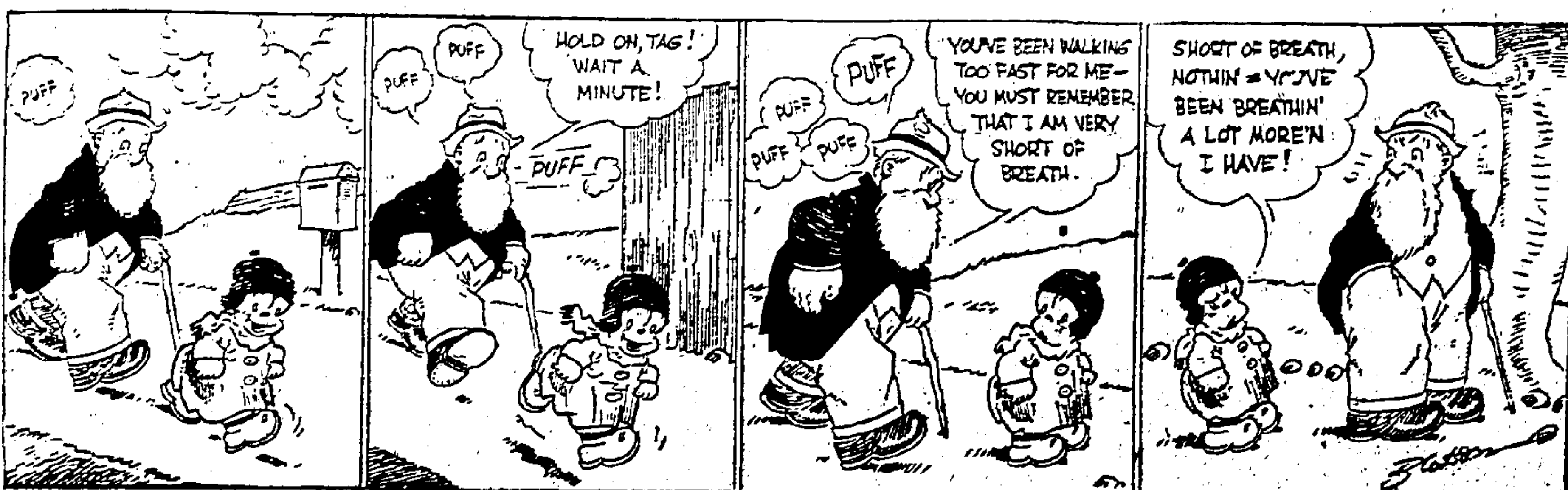
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Hongkong, 23rd. March, 1922.

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The "Hongkong Telegraph" is now on sale at, and will be delivered to subscribers by, the Dairy Farm Company, Ltd., Sham Shui Po, who are our agents there.

The Hongkong Telegraph

HONGKONG, FRIDAY, MARCH 24, 1922.

THE IDES OF MARCH.

We have passed the Ides of March! and China's Caesar is unknown. Who is China's Caesar? The parallel here is to the country's dictator, so you can take your choice from the Super-Tuchuns, with Chang Tso-lin generally reckoned to be at the head. Earlier in the month we remarked in this column that, according to reports, things had reached a pass between the rivals where a resort to arms had become practically inevitable. Rumours of impending war were more circumstantial than usual. Wu Pei-fu was drilling his troops night and day, and their total was expanded by some accounts from 100,000 to 700,000, which must have meant including the forces of the various provincial leaders whom he hoped to find following his standard. Simultaneously came news that Chang's arsenal at Mukden was working overtime. By appearance there were all the materials for a big collision this time. The days have passed, and nothing has come of it. Perhaps, in spite of the parlance, the rivals "have been playing about the ring too long—there will be no fight," especially as it has become increasingly probable that the third Super-Tuchun, Tso Kwan, does not want to risk a fight on one side or the other.

By ordinary reasoning, the avoidance of a forcible clash would be matter for extreme rejoicing. In the case of China's War Lords, the position has been that, with a clash seemingly inevitable, better to get it over and done with. For the present, the threatened conflict has petered out, and Wu has issued a manifesto deprecating rumours of war as unfounded. So may it be, for at best war is calamitous, and if the Super-Tuchuns did clash it is not at all certain that unification would be brought any nearer. It might have the opposite effect of rendering an improvement in China's condition still more remote, because if the rival party were eliminated, the successful War Lord could ride the high horse higher than ever, with representative government further postponed. But if no war is meant, why all the preparations? The fact appears to be that, naturally, neither Chang nor Wu wishes the risk of a contest if he can gain his end without it, but that both are making ready for eventualities. It remains to be seen whether a clash will be averted, or whether it has only been postponed.

Meantime, and as helping to account for Wu's pacific manifesto, it is now acknowledged that negotiations have been proceeding which bring Canton into the picture. Dr. Wu Ting-fang's son, Dr. C. C. Wu, has been visiting at the Mukden War Lord's stronghold, and, though no definite announcement has been made, it is understood that some kind of arrangement has been reached between Chang and Canton, hence, as we said, Wu's cautiousness. If the Canton forces are relatively small at present, it would still be dangerous for the Yangtze leader to have Dr. Sun's expedition on one side of him and Chang's forces on the other. We confess that we cannot look very hopefully upon the idea of a compact between the South China Government and a military dictator like Chang, even when accompanied by talk of convening the long-deferred Parliament. Looking at Tuchun-ridden China, one sees small room for encouragement. Where the ground for hope comes in is in China's industrious millions.

NOTES & COMMENTS.

Good News.

The fears expressed at the meeting of the Kowloon Residents' Association that there was a possibility of the Rents Restriction Ordinance being withdrawn from the Statute Book have been promptly allayed by the announcement made at yesterday's Legislative Council meeting by His Excellency the Governor. The Government intends renewing the Ordinance for a further year, and has given notice of that fact, much to the satisfaction of tenants in general. This restricting enactment is admittedly an emergency measure, to cope with unusual conditions. But as long as the conditions are abnormal, it must, in the interests of tenants, remain operative. That is the sum and substance of the matter. When the Bill was introduced, there was an outcry against it on the part of landlords, who predicted that it would discourage building. Those fears have not been realised, for building has gone on with astounding rapidity during the past year. Yet, in spite of that fact, the demand for accommodation is still greater than the supply of houses, which serves to indicate the extent to which, but for the Ordinance, tenants would have been at the mercy of profiteering landlords during the past year. There are some respects, according to His Excellency, in which the Ordinance operates harshly on landlords. We do not know in what particular respect this is so, but by promising to give due weight to representations under this head, the Governor shows that, whilst most anxious to protect tenants, he wants to give honest landlords a fair deal. No-one will complain at that, but a rent-paying community will want adequate assurances that nothing shall be done to weaken the fundamental principle of the Ordinance. Knowing the feelings of His Excellency on this point, we need have no apprehensions in this regard. By his firm stand on this rent question, the Governor has earned the gratitude of the whole of the householder of the Colony. In his hands, our interests are safe.

Land Justice.

Yesterday's meeting of the Council was also productive of an interesting discussion on the question of Crown Land resumption, and it is well to bear in mind just what it is that the Ordinance provides for. It says that, in assessing compensation when resuming land, the Government shall make no allowance simply on account of the land being compulsorily resumed; in other words, resumption either forced or through the effluxion of time will rank for the same treatment. No compensation shall be given in respect of any use of the land which is not in accordance with the terms of the lease, and no compensation shall be given in respect of any expectancy or probability of the renewal of the lease. In other words, the value of all land resumed shall be taken to be the amount which the land if sold in the open market might be expected to realise. That sounds very reasonable in the public interest, but the Hon. Mr. Lau Chu-pak voiced Chinese complaint at what they consider to be a real against the continued occupancy of their private holdings. So far as the public is concerned there are a few points to be borne in mind. The first is that all land in this Colony is leased from the Government (there is no freehold) and that the Government has an undoubted right to resume possession when leases terminate. In cases where the land has been held for so long that only a squatter's right is held the Government has a right to resume possession on paying reasonable compensation. In cases where the Government interferes with the course of a lease it also has a duty to pay compensation, but apart from the above considerations the Government has a greater duty to reside in as a whole than it has to landlords. We are pleased to see that it is recognising that and that land speculators and those who seek to hold up development are being brought under a law which ensures this Colony a reasonable opportunity to develop at a reasonable price. Chinese landlords who have a just right to compensation will undoubtedly get a just amount.

SHANGHAI WOOSUNG TELEPHONE. The Shanghai reports that capital has been raised by local merchants for the establishment of a Shanghai-Woosung Telephone Co.

DAY BY DAY.

ANY MAN CAN DO AS HE PLEASES IF HE PLEASES AS HE DOES.

"The Bookshelf" by "Librarian" is unavoidably held over.

Yesterday's health returns show one non-fatal case of diphtheria (British).

Mr. C. C. Wu, who has been on an extended visit to the North, returned to the Colony on Wednesday, and was welcomed by a number of friends. Amongst the Chinese community here it is rumoured that Mr. Wu, who holds an executive position in the Canton Government, went up North with a commission to form an alliance between the South and Tsang Tso-lin. He returned to Canton yesterday.

At the Students' Service to be held on Sunday afternoon, March 26th, in the Rhenish Mission Church, Bonham Road, at 4 p.m., the Hon. Dr. Claud Severn has kindly consented to sing "If you with all your hearts," from the "Elijah." The preacher at the service will be the Rev. Dr. T. W. Pearce, LL.D., Warden of Morrison Hall, and his subject is "Christ: Madman or the Son of God?" The public are cordially invited to attend these services.

The International Anti-Opium Society, has decided that a hospital for the opium-smokers of Canton should be immediately established. The locality of the proposed hospital has been chosen near to the reformatory of the Bureau of Police at Nam Shek-Tau. The funds for erection and the annual expenses of the hospital will be paid by the Society. The hospital is to be opened to any opium-smoker who has the determination to get rid of his vicious habits.—*Canton Times.*

Those who want an evening of unalloyed enjoyment cannot do better than to pay a visit to the Theatre Royal to-night, when "The Quaints" open their farrowed season. They will present "A Pedlar of Dreams," from the Vaudeville Theatre, London, and in it R. G. Salisbury and the other talented members of his company will have much scope for humour and pretty music. "The Quaints" have had a wonderfully successful season up North, and at Shanghai in particular large crowds had nightly to be turned away, so heavy was the booking.

There is a fortune waiting for every Filipino who goes to the United States, was the information which a Filipino saw today at the Police Court this morning stated as having been passed on to him in Manila. As a result, he with eight others took surreptitious free trip on the Pine Tree State but they were discovered and banded over to the police on the liner's arrival in Hongkong. The Magistrate, after remarking on the seriousness of the offence, imposed sentence of 14 days, on seven of the defendants but discharged the eighth prisoner on account of his tender years.

Messrs. A. Tack and Co. send us a panel picture of H. R. H. the Prince of Wales as a sponsor of the coming visit of His Royal Highness. They advise us as follows: "Perhaps it might be of interest to your readers to know that we shall present with a picture of the Prince those whom we have the pleasure of starting on a picture-taking career when His Royal Highness arrives. These pictures, showing the Prince in full dress uniform, will be artistically mounted, and ready for framing. Purchasers of either camera outfits or photo supplies up till April 10th, will be equally entitled to these presentation pictures."

Information from Kweilin is to the effect that a strong force of the "Kamchu" (the Kiangsi Army) led by Commander-in-chief General Punz Ching-man, proceeded from Kweilin into Hunan on March 11th, says the *Canton Times*. Before advancement, the army was reviewed by General Li Lieh Chun who handed over the banner of the army to General Pung, expressing optimism for his victory over the Northern foe. A speech was also made by General Li encouraging them to fight for the sake of relieving their country from the hands of the Northern military tyrants. The soldiers were deeply moved by the General's speech.

FOOTBALL.

To-morrow's Programme.

(BY "QUIZ.")

The matches for to-morrow are as follow:—

SHIELD FINAL.
Hongkong Club v. R. G. A.—
Club ground at 4.30 p.m.

LEAGUE: DIVISION I.

Kick-off 4.30 p.m.

H. M. S. Tamar v. H. M. S. Cairo—Navy "B" ground.
H. M. S. Curlew v. Hongkong Police—Navy "A" ground.
South China v. Kowloon—South China ground.

H. M. S. Titania v. King's—Kowloon F. C. ground, Happy Valley.

LEAGUE: DIVISION II.

Kick-off 3 p.m.

United A. C. v. South China—A.C. ground.

Culwae Reserves v. H. K. Club Reserves—Navy "A" ground.

Kowloon Reserves v. King's Reserves—Navy "B" ground.

St. Joseph's v. University—St. Joseph's ground.

The final game in the Challenge Shield on the Club ground will attract a large number of football enthusiasts who should witness a well-contested game.

The Club, with their dashing forwards, will start favourites and will no doubt open the scoring. Kuhr will be again in the forward line this week and McFarish will go out on the wing. This attack should be much too fast for the R.G.A. defence, which was very shaky last week in the semi-final against the Police. The Club should outplay the R.G.A. in all positions except the middle line, the R.G.A. halves being second to none. McCubbin will partner Gerrard at back in the enforced absence of J. Rodgers, who is still on the injured list. It is expected that the R.G.A. will go the distance (45 minutes each way) better than the Club. The R.G.A. attack is fairly strong, but their inside forwards have not the dash in front of goal. McHugh will again lead the attack. The wings are capable of good work and it would not come as a surprise to see the match end in a draw. These teams have met twice before this season on the Club ground, the home team winning on each occasion by 1 to 0 and 3 to 1. Mr. Smith will be in charge of the game.

These games in the League this week will have a bearing on the Championship, and the leading teams should win their matches. Tamar meet the Cairo on the Navy "B" ground and should maintain their position at the head of the League. The Cairo did well last week when they beat the King's, and they should run the Tamar very close.

South China are at home to Kowloon and should win. They were lucky to share the points with the Tamar last week in a game that favoured the sailors. Kowloon beat Titania by four goals one last week and will give the Chinese a good game.

Culwae are due to receive the Police on Navy "A" ground and a fast game should end in a win for the sailors. The Police last week were out of form when they met the R.G.A. in the semi-final of the Shield and played their worst game of the season. The backs and halves could do nothing right, while the forwards could not get the ball away from the middle line. The sailors beat the Cairo in midweek and improved their position in the league, being now bracketed with Hongkong Club and South China for second position. It would seem advisable to remind Clubs that goal average is of no advantage in the Colony. In the event of two or more Clubs finishing at the top of the league with the same number of points, the Committee will arrange a match (or matches) to decide the ultimate winners, the same rule applying to runners-up.

The Titania meet the King's on the Kowloon F. C. ground at Happy Valley and the soldiers should win. Last week they both went down, the sailors losing to Kowloon, while the King's failed against the Cairo.

Of the Junior matches, that on the United ground should produce good football. The United are playing very strong just now and it is expected that they will win. Au Kit-sang assisted South China "A" last week against St. Joseph's and the question arises about his reinstatement to the Junior division, he having played three senior matches.

The King's and Curlew Reserves should win their games against

CRICKET.

I.R.C. v. R.G.A.

The following will represent the I.R.C. in their League match against the R.G.A. on home ground on Saturday at 2.15 p.m.—A. El. Scullin (Captain), A. H. Rumjahn, S. H. Ismail, S. D. Ismail, S. A. Ismail, J. S. Currie, N. B. Kitchell, O. Ismail, S. A. Ismail, O. Rumjahn and A. D. Rumjahn.

The Kowloon 1st XI against Hongkong 1st XI, at Kowloon, at 2.15 p.m. on Saturday, will be—J. P. Robinson, B. D. Evans, J. Stalker, C. Russell, C. J. Stapleton, L. J. Blackburn, C. Dance, R. Pestonji, F. G. Thompson, E. L. Braga and Capt. E. G. Spinks.

Kowloon 2nd XI, to play Hongkong 2nd XI, on the H. K. C. C. ground at 2.15 p.m. on Saturday, will be—A. O. Brown, E. J. Edwards, N. L. H. Raiton, R. E. Lindsell, W. Fraser, E. F. Spinks, J. C. Fletcher, W. Hyde, F. E. Lawrence, H. Overy and F. G. Herridge.

The following teams will represent the H. K. C. C. on Saturday: 1st XI—E. J. R. Mitchell (Capt.), Lieut. Beatty, R. N. C. Blaker, Capt. E. R. S. Dods, Capt. R. L. Fleming, L. J. Davies, Lt. Franks, R. N. E. G. Lammer, Lieut. E. L. Lender, F. C. Miller and F. N. Young—2nd XI—L. D. McNicoll (Capt.), H. H. Benson, G. M. Dorkins, W. Fraser, H. E. Hollands, A. S. Exell, W. J. Hope, W. W. Mackenzie, E. D. C. Morgan, G. H. Piercy and J. R. Way.

HOME FOOTBALL.

The English Cup.

The fourth round re-plays in the competition for the English Cup, played on March 10th, resulted:—

Preston North End 2 Arsenal 1.

Aston Villa 3 Nott. County 1.

In the remaining replay, on March 18th, Tottenham Hotspur defeated Cardiff by two goals to one.

The draw for the semi-finals on March 20th is as follows:—

Huddersfield Town versus Nott. County at Burnley.

Tottenham Hotspur versus Preston North End at Sheffield.

TO-DAY'S MISCELLANY.

Mr. Bernard Shaw must be given the credit of making the play an acceptable form of reading matter, says a London writer. Twenty-five years ago how many plays were published in book form in a twelve-month? Not as many as are now issued in a single week. Perhaps in those days the average play was of the stage stogy. It made tedious reading. Such is not the case now, and the difference marks the progress in dramatic work of the last decade. Within the last few days four plays have been published, all of which make excellent reading. There is Mr. John Drinkwater's "Oliver Cromwell" (Sidgwick and Jackson), in every way a worthy companion of "Abraham Lincoln." There is Miss Clemence Dane's much discussed "Will Shakespeare." Mr. Granville Barker's translation of Sacha Guitry's "Debureau," and, finally, Mr. Zangwill's romantic drama "The Cockpit."

Kowloon and Club Reserves and maintain their positions at the head of the League.

University should beat St. Joseph's.

DIVISION I. TABLE TO DATE.

Club.	P.	W.	L.	D.	Points.
"Tamar"	16	9	3	4	22
"H.K. Club"	15	7	3	5	21
S. China	14	8	1	5	21
"Curlew"	16	9	4	3	21
H.G.A.	17	9	7	1	19
King's	16	6	8	2	14
"Cairo"	14	4	6	4	12
Kowloon	15	6	10	0	10
"Ambrose"	16	3	11	2	8
H.K. Police	12	3	7	2	8
"Titania"	12	3	7	2	8

* 2 points added, + 2 points deducted.

TEAMS.

The following will represent the United in the League Second Division fixture against South China "A"—Beach; Jackson, Hopper; Urquhart, Leonard, Hyder, Watkins, May, Valentine, Derry, Payne, Reservoir, Botelho.

The following will represent the H.K.F.C. Reserves against the Curlew Reserves—Hutchinson; Israel; Duncan; MacDonald, Angus, Sorenson; Hast, Ramsey, Hyde, Ferguson and Morrison. Reserves—Ogilvie and Garrod.

A SILENT DRAMA.

"Robbery that Wasn't."

"It was an attempted armed robbery, and yet it wasn't," were the words which Police Inspector Willis used in describing a silent drama that took place in his district yesterday. What occurred to give this negative aspect to the case and necessitated the preference of an alternative charge against the man concerned was that no words were uttered the whole while that the offence was committed, it being all in the nature of a dumb charade.

A vegetable gardener of Homuntin, on his way to the market at Yau-mat, had to pass a spot which he knew to be infested by robbers. His fears turned out to be justified when in crossing the No. 3 Bridge of the Kowloon-Canton Railway he heard a football behind and, on turning round, found himself face to face with a man of villainous countenance who held a dagger in his hand in the act of striking. No words were exchanged by either man. This was because on the one side it was viewed as the realisation of an expected occurrence, and on the other side silence was necessary to produce the right atmosphere for the necessary psychological effect to be produced on the prisoner by the threatening pose of the dagger. Unfortunately the courage of the robber failed him at this moment. He saw the gardener raise the bamboo pole he was carrying, and fled in the direction whence he came. The drama was in a minute changed into a comedy, and what happened subsequently can best be described in the following passages between Magistrate and the gardener at the Police Court this morning:—

Mr. R. E. Lindsell.—Tell us what happened when you approached the bridge.

"I saw a group of men gathered together at the head of the bridge. I regarded them with suspicion and thought it best for my personal safety to edge away from them as far as possible when I passed them to continue my journey. My eyes were at the same time commanding a furtive view of them, so that I was not surprised to see one figure detach itself from the group and follow me. The footfalls were markedly nearer when I turned round and perceived this same man poised over me with the dagger held in the act of striking. I instantly pushed out my bamboo pole, took out my whistle and blew strongly on it. The man at once switched round on his heels and bolted. His companion had no recourse but to do likewise, with me in pursuit."

"You are a brave man," commented the Magistrate. The compliment was accepted and the witness pointed a scornful finger at the despondent man in the dock, remarking—"He is no fighting man, and of course is no match for me."

Continuing his depositions, the brave man said that the chase after the robber took him over the way by which he (witness) had come. Before they arrived at the hill on the other side of which his home was situated, the robber on one occasion turned on his heels and threatened his pursuer with the dagger. The latter, instead of closing in as a brave man would, also stopped and blew his whistle, and that was all he did, apart from keeping up a lively pursuit. Of course the robber had to resume his lively pace as soon as the whistle was sounded, and this continued until the hill was reached, when, in response to the summons on the whistle, the other members of the gardener's family came out and prevented the fugitive's escape.

As to what occurred to the other members of the gang, the witness said that at one stage in the pursuit they became separated from the prisoner and made their escape. The dagger was discarded by the prisoner in his flight up the hill, but was subsequently recovered by him at the instigation of Sergeant Dorling.

The Magistrate was satisfied as to the evidence, notwithstanding some rather ingenious pleas put forward by the prisoner, and passed the maximum sentence of a year's hard labour. The charge preferred was one of being in possession of an offensive weapon.

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This Year's Programme.

Arrangements are now being made in connection with the Victoria Regatta, an event the popularity of which is proved by the fact that the first was held as long ago as 1849 and it is still going strong. The Regatta will be held at Easter, on Saturday, April 15th, and Monday, April 17th.

The sports, which will be held as usual at Black Boulder Point, commence at two o'clock on the first day and eleven o'clock on Easter Monday. Launches will leave Blake Pier on the Saturday at one o'clock and on the Monday at ten o'clock. They will run at half-hour intervals until three o'clock on each day.

The events confined to members of the Victoria Recreation Club are the International Challenge Cup four's (one mile), Tub Sculling junior's (half mile), Lusitano Cup senior four's (one mile), Chinese Challenge Cup junior four's (one mile) and Chair-an's Challenge Cup four's (one mile).

Other events will be the Ho Tung's Challenge Cup four's for hongs, regiments, units, ships, corps, etc., excluding clubs (one mile), Ladies' Prize with lady coxswain and a crew picked from all who take part in the Regatta on Sunday, the 15th, the Cox to be nominated by the stroke (quarter mile), Naval Whalers open to all H. M. Ships in harbour (one mile), Naval Cutters (two miles), Officers' Skills (half mile), the three last with Service boats and under Service conditions.

There will be a motor-boat race open to the Colony (eight miles), boats to be handicapped according to the estimated speed taken from the particulars on the entry form, a Police Boat Race open to the Hongkong Water Police (half mile) and sailing races, cruiser class, handicap class, Haywood Hays and Gale class.

Then there are the Interport events, Singapore, Shanghai, Tientsin, Manila and Canton have been written to, but with the exception of Canton, who have answered that they will not be able to get together crews this year, the replies are still awaited. The Interport events will include four's and pair's, senior and junior.

The Athletic meeting this year will take place on April 29th, on the Football Club Ground. It will be on the same lines as last year and will include a marathon.

PRODUCE EXCHANGES.

The Question of Licences.

It is some months since the applications for the formation of produce exchanges received the official approval of the Registrar of Public Companies, yet so far only two have been established. They have, however, put in a sufficient volume of business to warrant a place amongst the commercial institutions of the Colony. What has happened to the others which recently made their appearance, on paper, with huge capital figures, still remains somewhat of a mystery.

It is pretty well-known that in consequence of views expressed in this paper, which later formed the subject of debates at a recent Council meeting, a Bill is now in course of preparation by the Attorney-General for the regulation of these exchanges. The draft of this new law, we are given to understand, contains a clause providing for the licensing of these institutions, and it is in respect of this that some promoters are rumoured to be lying low.

A Chinese banker who should be in a position to speak on the subject, assured a *Telegraph* reporter yesterday that it was not so much objection to Government supervision of their business as the fear that licences would be refused to them that has induced certain promoters from committing themselves to further inauguration expenses until the terms of the expected Bill are made public. From this the inference is drawn that the licence required by the new governmental measure will, so far as produce exchanges are concerned, render null and void, or in a large measure supersede, the certificates of registration that have already been issued to four or five of these enterprises.

SOMERSET HOUSE WAR MEMORIAL.

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SINGAPORE WAR MEMORIAL.

Last Stone of the Column Laid.

On March 16, less than five months after the commencement of the work, the last stone completing the roof of the Straits Settlements War Memorial on the Esplanade at Singapore, was laid. A large amount of work still remains to be done; the six steps up to the memorial have to be cut and laid, the paving laid and the parapet behind the Memorial erected. It is understood that the paving will all be completed before the arrival of His Royal Highness. The work on the steps is well advanced. Each step will bear a separate date for each year of the war, the bottom step bearing the date "1914" and so on. The actual weight of the cenotaph, as it stands at present, is 290 tons, while a further 180 tons will be used in completing the memorial.

With regard to the sculpture, it was fortunate that Mr. R. Wenig, the well-known Swiss sculptor, happened to be in Singapore, and his services were employed in making the models for the lion's head at the top of the cenotaph and for the laurel wreaths, splendidly executed work, from which the Central Engine Works manufactured the bronze castings.

The inscription on the cenotaph, "To Our Glorious Dead" is dovetailed grooved lettering, filled in with molten lead. The 122 names, which are to be placed on the memorial, will be cast in relief in bronze.

There is reason for congratulation on the fact that the usual complement of accidents consequent upon work of this nature has been lacking. There has been only one accident on the site, and that of a minor character, one of the coolies hav-

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TONG CHI-YAO'S ADVANCE.

General Tong Chi-yao recently entered Mongtze with his troops. His troops have re-captured the city of Ao May, where the General has inaugurated Mr. Au Yeung Kut Luk as Director for the Ho Hau Customs, which is considered to be one of the important points for revenue. It is estimated that the General will enter Kwan Ming, the city of Yunnan, before the end of this month.—*Sun Wan Yat Po*.

ing his hand injured by a piece of granite.

We understand that the Catholic Bishop of Malacca has been invited to attend the unveiling ceremony on March 31st, but the rules of his Church do not permit of his being present. In this connection it is worthy of note that the names inscribed on the memorial include those of four Catholic priests from the Straits Settlements, who gave their lives during the war.—*Singapore Free Press*.

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RENTS ORDINANCE CASE.

Summary Court, Judgment.

Judgment was given by the Puisne Judge (Mr. H. H. J. Gompertz) in the summary Court this morning in an action between Wong Ngar and Ho Shu-cheng, alias Ho Nai-sun, under the Rents Ordinance, which has occupied several hearings.

Plaintiff claimed possession of the ground of No. 21, Possession Street, of which he was the tenant. He further claimed damages for illegal dispossession. "There has been a great deal of evidence and some strenuous argument in this case," said his Lordship. "After the most careful consideration I find that the plaintiff has failed to satisfy me of any definite oral agreement—either that the tenancy should be continuous throughout—with a waiver of rent for the period occupied by the repairs—or for a new tenancy when the premises were fit for occupation."

"On this part of the case," his Lordship continued, "I accept substantially the defendant's evidence that he gave a notice which was extended for a month by agreement."

"I do not believe," said the Puisne Judge, "that the plaintiff intended to retain possession either by the occupation of his coolies who may have stopped on a few days, for their own convenience, or by leaving any appreciable quantity of furniture behind. I believe that in fact the plaintiff expected to go back when the repairs were finished, either because he thought that the new Ordinance gave him this right or because

he expected to have no difficulty in agreeing fresh terms with the landlord. Even if any agreement for a new tenancy were proved, and I find that it is not, it is agreed that it would be unenforceable under the Statute of Frauds."

"In my opinion," his Lordship continued, "the Rents Ordinance does not help plaintiff. Section 4 does no more than preserve the rights of a tenant in possession. The section imposes statutory limitations upon the rights, whether contractual or Common Law, of the landlord, and these limitations cannot be extended beyond the express provisions of the Statute."

"I have been upon the facts," his Lordship continued, "that the tenant in actual occupation terminated his occupation during the currency of his tenancy by agreement with his landlord. If, notwithstanding such agreement, he remains in occupation, section 4 protects him against himself, and prevents the landlord from enforcing their agreement. But this tenant has gone out and has remained out of possession for months, and I have no power to give him the relief he desires. There must be judgment for defendant, with costs."

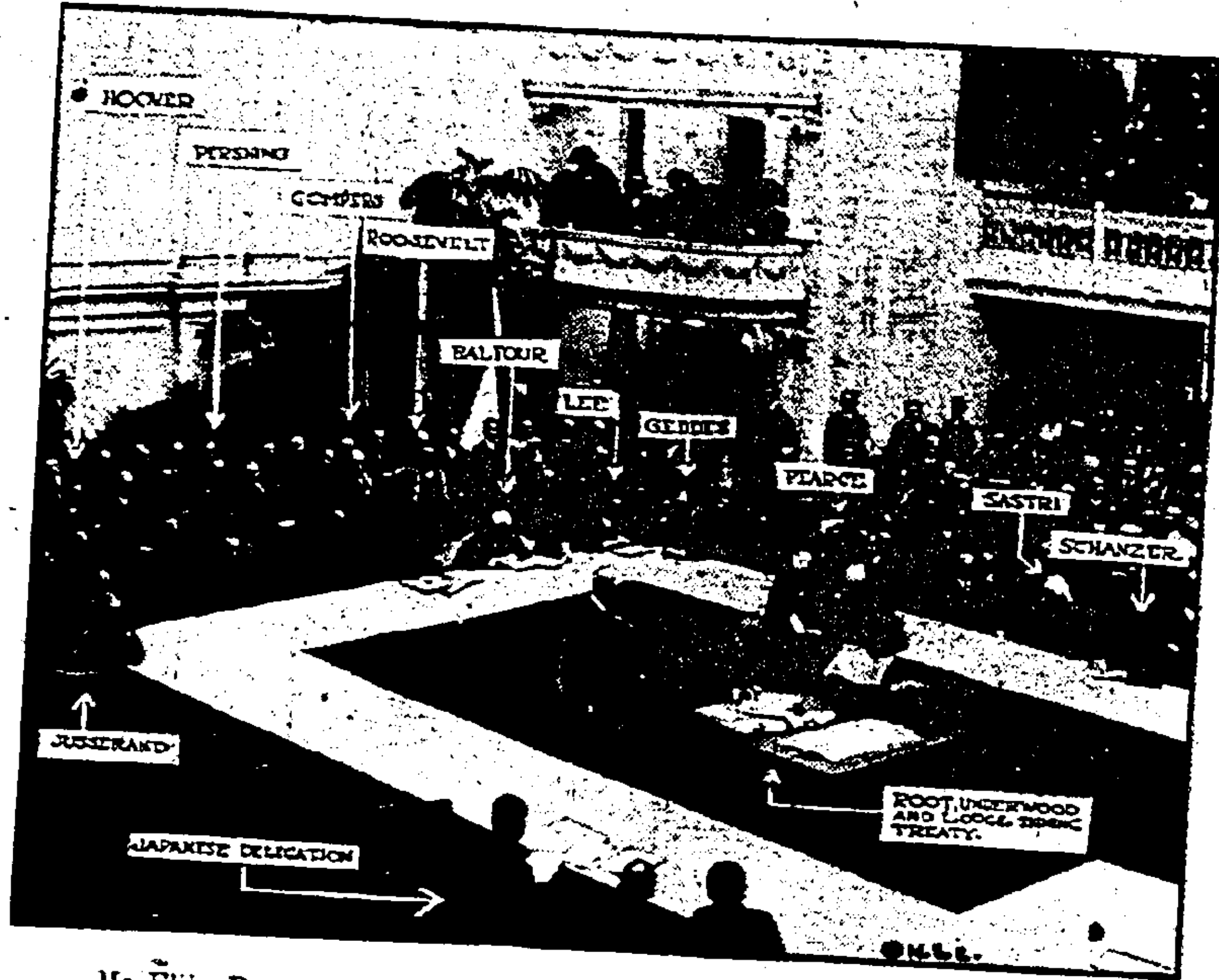
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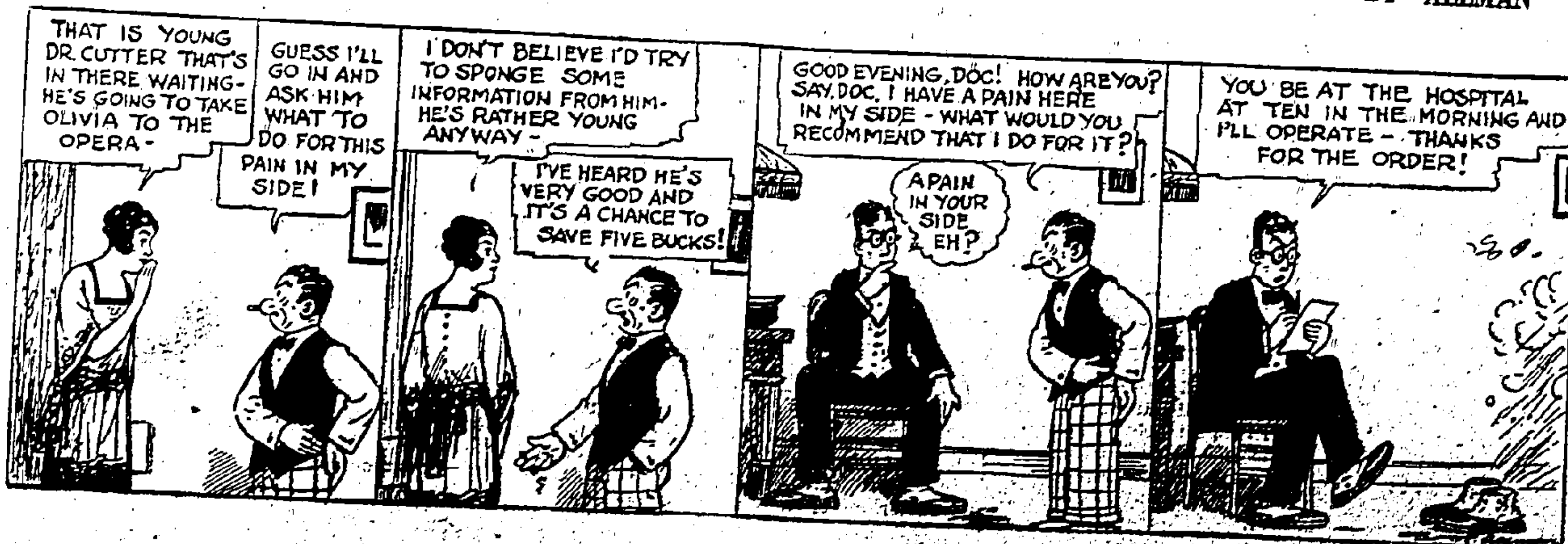


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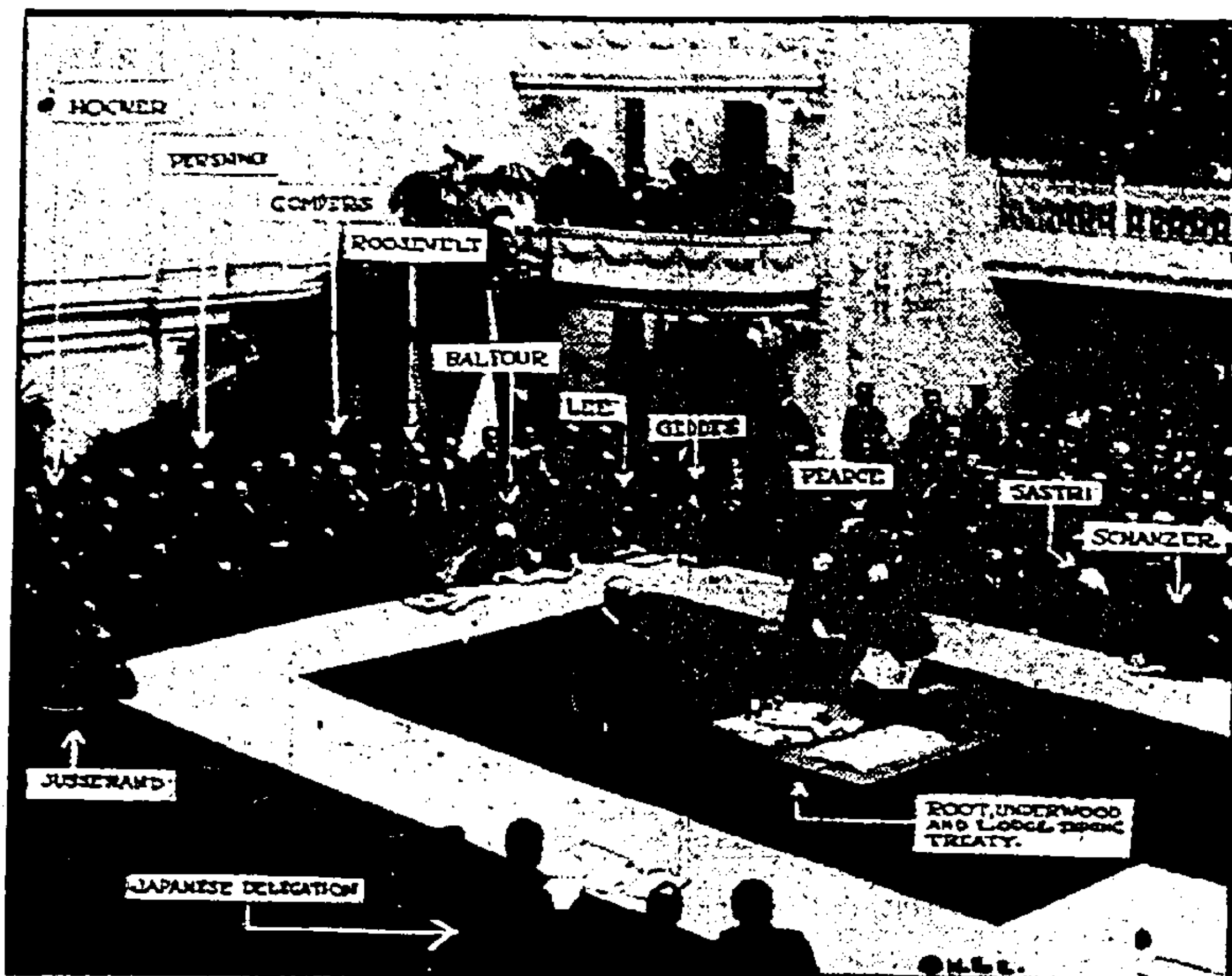
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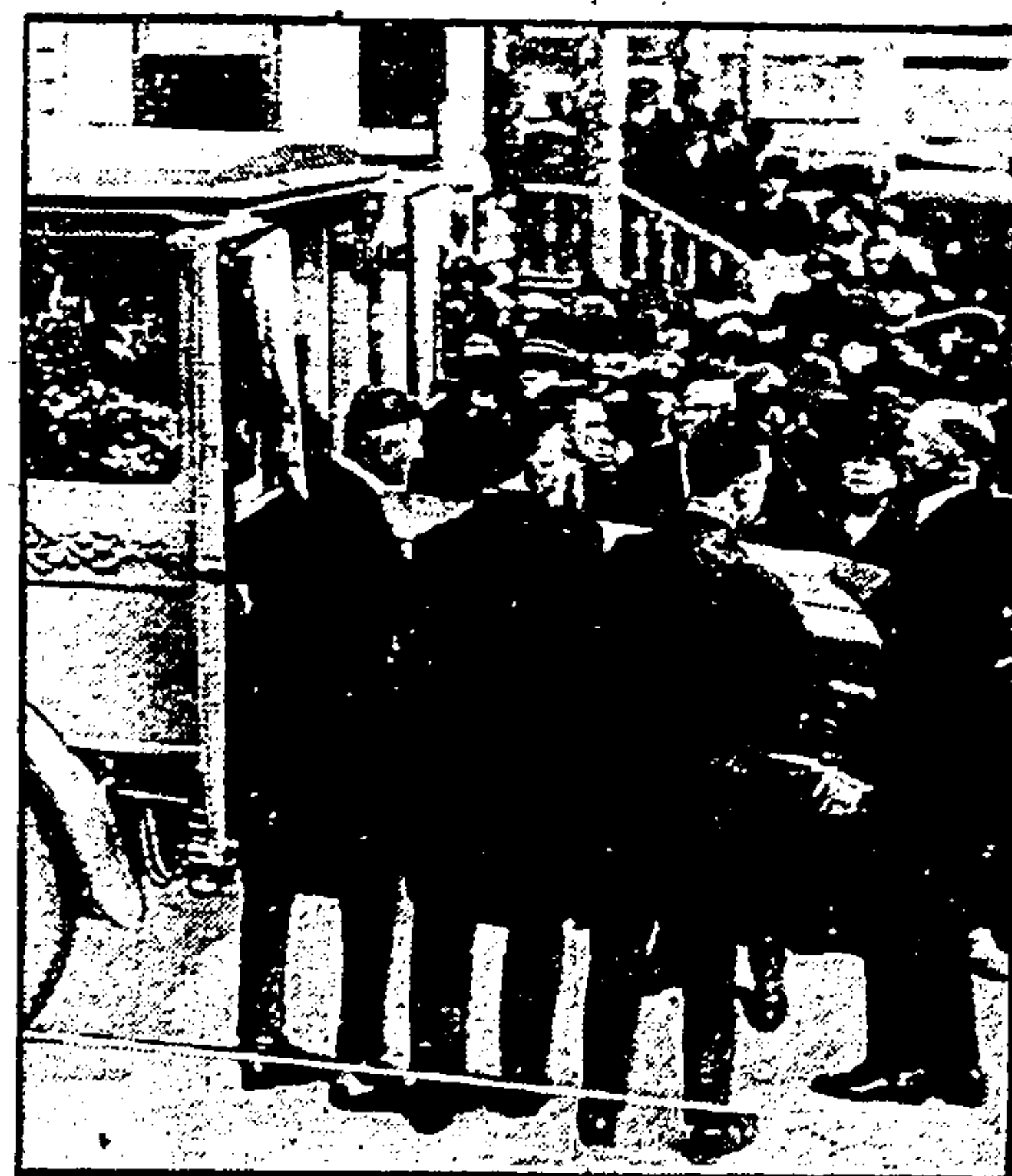
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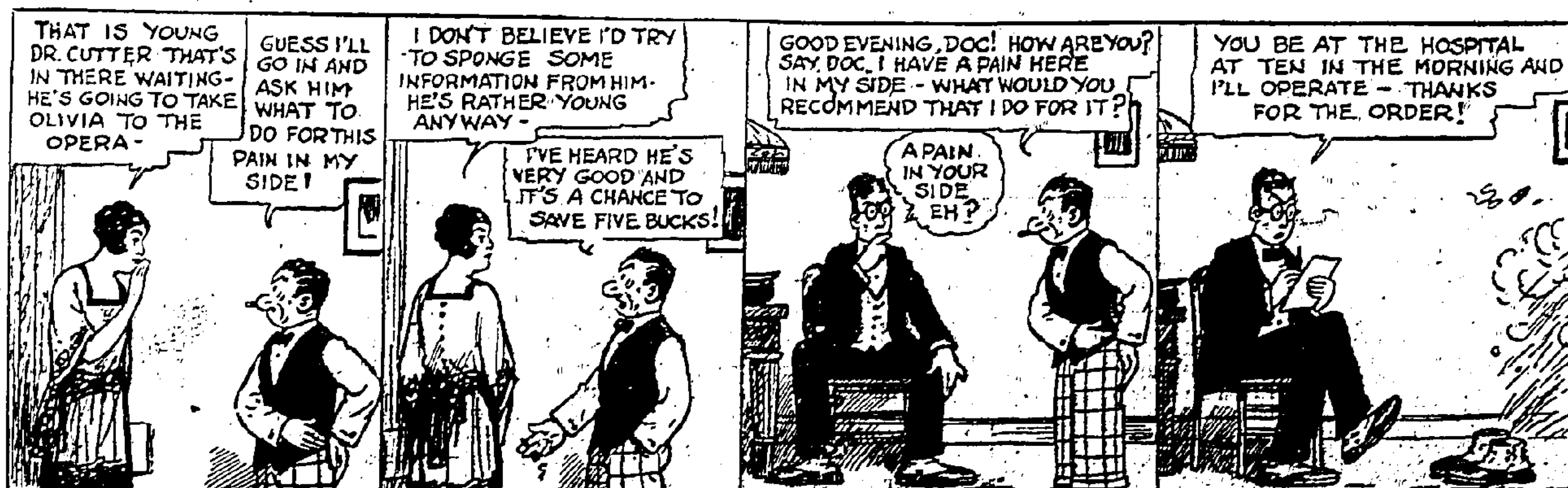


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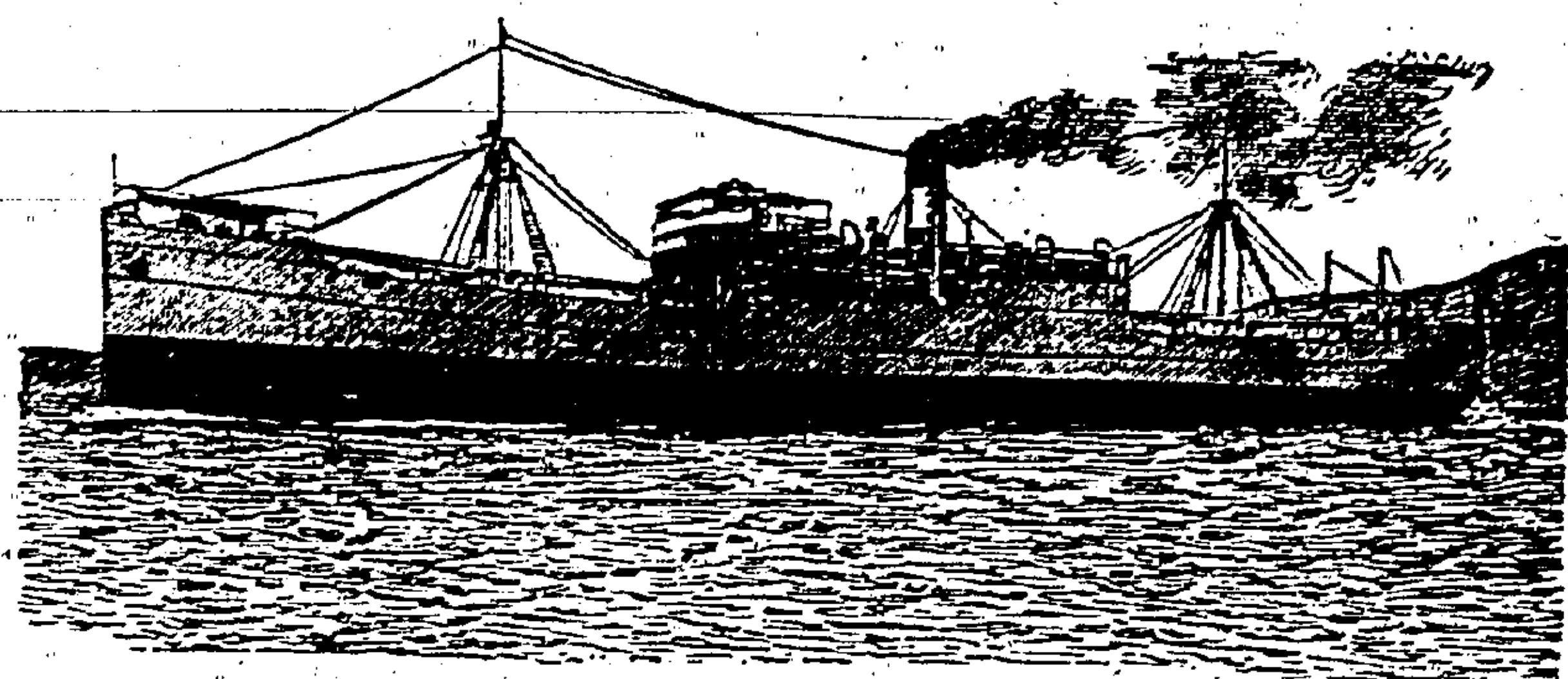
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COMMERCIAL NEWS.

COTTON MILL IN HONAN.

Mr. Han You-mei and others have established a cotton mill in the locality of Yangshikung, Chihshien, Honan. Preparations have been completed and inauguration is expected soon. It is also planned to build a light railway to connect with the Peking-Hankow Railway.

EXHIBITION IN SWATOW.

A Commercial Museum has recently been erected in Swatow by the General Chamber of Commerce. The Shanghai Industrial and Commercial Investigation Association has notified Chinese firms in Shanghai to send their manufactured articles to the museum for exhibition.

CHINESE ELECTRICAL CO.

The Chinese Merchants Electric Company in Nantao, Shanghai, consists of two departments, tramways and electric lamps. The business in both departments was prosperous last year. The company hopes to extend its tramway service. A newly imported electric plant is to be installed.

SILVER MINING IN SHANTUNG.

A silver mine has been discovered at Yuquinsan about 50 li from Tientsin, Shantung. Mr. Chen Siangkui has petitioned the Industrial Commissioner of the province for the operating rights and the Industrial Commissioner has dispatched mining engineers to undertake the preliminary survey.

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AMERICA AND FAR EASTERN TRADE.

The party of influential Western American commercial heads who have just returned to California after their visit to Japan, China and other parts of the Orient, are reported to state that America, to survive commercially in the Far East, is "up against" the keenest competition since the war. The report devotes much space to the subject of foreign banking and credits, with the declaration that more liberal banking methods must be developed if the trade is to be held. The delegates found that British banks in the Orient extended much more favorable facilities to customers than any of the American banking institutions were disposed to offer. The development of credit organizations which are able to operate on an equally broad scale was urged in the report.

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SAILINGS TO SHANGHAI & JAPAN.

KALYAN	9,000	25 Mar. 4 p.m.	Shanghai, Moji & Kobe.
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KANAGAWA MARU ... Tuesday, 28th March.
IMBAY via Singapore, Penang & Colombo.
AWA MARU ... Saturday, 25th March.CALCUTTA via Singapore, Penang & Rangoon.
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STRAITS & Calcutta	Laisang	Sat. 25th Mar. at 3 p.m.
MANILA	Yuensang	Sat. 25th Mar. at 3 p.m.
BANGKOK via Swatow Chunsang	Tues. 28th Mar. at noon.	
HAIPHONG via Hoihow Taksang	Wed. 29th Mar. at 8 a.m.	
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TIENSIN	Wuhu	24th " at 6 p.m.
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HOIHOW & SINGAPORE	Lunan	25th " at 10 a.m.
SHANGHAI	Luchow	25th " at 4 p.m.
SHANGHAI	Taikoowany	25th " at 4 p.m.
SHANGHAI	Kwangse	25th " at 4 p.m.
SHANGHAI	Suiyang	25th " at noon.
SWATOW & BANGKOK	Pin Samud	28th " at 10 a.m.
SWATOW & SINGAPORE	Kwangchow	28th " at noon.
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SHIPPING NEWS.**GOLDEN SHIPS.**

Speaking at a luncheon on board the Commonwealth liner Moreton Bay, Mr. Hughes said that, even reckoning the loss due to the purchase of wooden ships, the profits of the Commonwealth Line compared favourably with that of shipping ventures elsewhere. The net gain of the Commonwealth Line during the past five years, after allowing for writing down the whole capital cost was £1,600,000.

NEW AUSTRALIAN LINER.

The Australian Commonwealth liner Hobson's Bay left Messrs. Vickers Naval Construction Works last month. This is the second liner which Messrs. Vickers have completed for the Commonwealth, and there is yet another, the Jarvis Bay, now being completed at Barrow. The Hobson's Bay, which first goes to Liverpool to dry dock, is one of five passenger ships being introduced in the London-Australian service.

PRICE FLUCTUATIONS.

Messrs. Kellogg's, London, have produced a valuable chart showing the fluctuations in the price of a "new, ready cargo steamer of 7,500 tons," during the last 24 years. In 1920 the high price of £258,500 was reached. By the end of that year the price had fallen to £100,000. A price of £20,000 at the end of last year is now recorded. This compares with the highest price realized in 1911 of £62,500, to which the quotation rose in that year from £12,500. In comparing present and pre-war prices, it has to be remembered that ships built before the war cost far less than those which can now be described as "new, ready cargo steamers." NAVAL CONTROL AT THE DARDANELLES.

The following is an abstract from information lately received in the Department of Overseas Trade:—In future the naval control at Chanak and Kavak will be undertaken by the French and Italians for alternate periods of three months. The sanitary service continues as heretofore. When it is the turn of duty of the British sanitary officer he will work in liaison with the French or Italian control, as the case may be. The Italians will take over their turn of duty on the 1st February, 1922. The Italian officer will be stationed at Kavak, and will go on board the British trawler when he wishes in order to assist in the naval control. A French officer may also be sent to Kavak if one becomes available to assist in the control. The Italian officer will probably commence his duties on the 10th January, 1922.

DEFINITION OF "DEMURPAGE."

The Mayor's and City of London Court has been called upon recently to determine exactly what is meant by a day's demurrage. The action in which this point was involved was brought by the owners of the steamer Robrix to recover £20 from a London firm who had taken the vessel under a voyage charter-party. By the terms of the agreement the boat was to be loaded and discharged in two and a half working days. The vessel arrived at Antwerp on November 17 last, and loaded in one and a half days. The Robrix then proceeded to her discharging port, London, which she reached at 5.30 a.m. She commenced discharge at 6 a.m., and completed at 3.30 p.m. on the following day. The plaintiffs maintained that the steamer occupied three and a half days in loading and discharging, and therefore claimed a full day's demurrage—£20. The defendants admitted the delay, but claimed that it only amounted to three hours, and they tendered £2.10s. in payment of the claim, and further submitted that in any case the plaintiffs could only claim compensation for 24 hours' demurrage, as 24 hours each, whether all the time on the first day was to count as one day, or whether defendants could split up a day from 12 noon on one day to noon on the next and call that one day. The plaintiffs urged that a day had a natural meaning of from midnight to midnight. Judge Jackson, who tried the case, stated that the action was an important one to shipowners and charterers, but he could not uphold the defendants' view. He decided that a working day meant a calendar day, and that the plaintiffs were entitled to £20. He then gave judgment for the amount, with costs.

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Tjikini	Japan	26th Mar.	1st Apr.	Java
Tjiluwong	Java	28th Mar.	30th Mar.	Shanghai, Japan
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PRAYA MURDER.

Prisoner Sentenced to Death.

The Praya murder concluded late last evening, prisoner being found guilty and sentenced to death.

In the course of a lengthy address, the Attorney General said that when the case was closed at the Magistracy the only evidence disclosed to the public was that of the Crown. The defence had read the evidence for three weeks, picked holes and decided on it what line of defence they had better take up, while the evidence of the defence was new. Mr. Kemp said that the Crown's case was perfectly clear and convincing. It was so at the Magistracy and at the Supreme Court, and it was as strong and clear as any prosecution could rely on. Inconsistency there had been in this case and it was for the Jury to say which of the inconsistent stories was reliable and credible. Mr. Kemp then continued at length the evidence of the witnesses for the defence and their demeanor in giving evidence, and reviewed the evidence of his witnesses. Both Captain Morgan and Mr. Larkins swore that the only man whom they saw running was the prisoner. If there had been two men running in front of the prisoner, as was alleged by the witnesses for the defence, Captain Morgan and Mr. Larkins must have seen them.

The Summing Up.

In summing up, the Chief Justice said that there had doubtless been a lot of gossip about this case. Mr. Jenkin had said, but the Jury must decide it on the evidence, wholly irrespective of what they had heard elsewhere. It was purely a case of identity and the only question for the Jury was: Had the Crown established in their minds, to the exclusion of all doubt, that the prisoner was the assassin? His Lordship emphasized that the Crown's proof was on the Crown. It was not necessary to show motive, but the suggestion was that the deceased had taken some active part in the strike for which the prisoner was employed to assassinate. The suggestion was that the prisoner was employed to assassinate the deceased. If the Jury accepted the evidence of the witnesses for the defence, they could only return a verdict, and if they rejected it, they must reject all of it, which would amount to a finding that there had been a conspiracy on the part of a number of Chinese witnesses to defeat the administration of justice in the Colony. His Lordship said he was perfectly satisfied in saying that while he did not reject all Chinese evidence, while there were a number who went into the witness box to speak the truth, actuated as much as anyone else by a desire to help the administration of justice, he was bound to tell the Jury that there were many witnesses who told stories without any regard to the truth. He regretted to say that was not uncommon. The most extraordinary details were given by one witness after another adding something further until the story seemed so conclusive that the Court was convinced. It found as a fact that evidence was frequently entirely invented.

Captain Morgan's Eyesight.

It was suggested that Captain Morgan was lying; but the defence submitted that he was mistaken. His Lordship proceeded to review the evidence.

With regard to the revolver, continued His Lordship, the defence was that if the prisoner had thrown the revolver into the gutter he must have been seen; but the Jury had to remember that Captain Morgan believed that the prisoner had shot a man was intent on securing his arrest. The Jury had to decide if it was possible for Captain Morgan not to have seen the revolver being thrown. If the story put forward by the defence was true, Captain Morgan's eyesight must have been very defective, as he swore that he saw nobody running except the prisoner, and Messrs. Larkins and Pereira must be in error in certain respects. If the Jury found otherwise, then the whole or practically the whole of the evidence of the defence was a conspiracy to defeat the administration of justice.

Guilty.

The Jury retired at 5 p.m. and were absent for nearly half an hour. They returned to the Court to ask a question.

The foreman of the Jury (Mr. H. W. Bird) in reply to His Lordship, said: "The Jury under-

stood you to say that if we have no reasonable doubt that the man whom Captain Morgan saw leaving the ricksha is the prisoner in the dock, we should find him guilty?"

His Lordship said that that was exactly what he said.

The foreman, irrespective of whether he saw him or the shot or not.

His Lordship, taking the whole of Captain Morgan's evidence, if you have no reason to doubt the truth of it you should find him guilty.

Mr. Jenkin, irrespective of whether he fired the shot or not.

After a short conference the Jury were asked by the Clerk of the Court if they had agreed upon their verdict, and if they were unanimous.

The foreman of the Jury: Yes, my Lord.

Chief of the Court: How say you? Do you find the prisoner guilty or not guilty?

Foreman of the Jury: Guilty.

Wrongful Admission of Evidence.

Mr. Jenkin applied for an arrest of judgment and asked His Lordship to reserve the point for legal argument.

argument on the ground of wrongful admission of the evidence of Mr. Larkins after the closing of the Crown's case.

The Chief Justice: But you agreed to it.

Mr. Jenkin: I cannot, my Lord, insist upon what I agreed to.

At the previous hearing, Mr. Jenkin, in pointing out the inadmissibility of Mr. Larkins' evidence, asked His Lordship to apply to the Court Section 68 of the Code of Criminal Procedure, which empowers a judge to reserve any point of law for argument before the full Court, the trial meanwhile proceeding in the ordinary way and the point of law being argued before the full Court.

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withdrawn his objection to it. Had he rejected it the question would not have been raised at all as to its inadmissibility.

Mr. Jenkin said that he had no objection but to withdraw it on His Lordship's refusal to entertain it.

His Lordship said he offered to confer with the Police Judge on the point. He objected to reserve it for the full Court because he thought it was unnecessary to do so and it might mean that if it went in and the Jury convicted it would be a loophole for quashing the conviction in law.

Refusal to Postpone Sentence.

As regards the second point, the Chief Justice said that the Attorney General handed up to the Court some document as to what the man said to the Police; but he did not read it. Even if he had, he had made no reference to it whatsoever to the Jury. Hence the alleged misdirection. His Lordship said that he directed the Jury that if they accepted Captain Morgan's evidence as a whole they would be entitled to convict. Continuing, His Lordship said that the remedy for Mr. Jenkin was to petition to His Majesty's Privy Council. He said no more for reserving sentence.

Mr. Jenkin: With regard to the remedy which Your Lordship has indicated, which is an application to His Majesty's Privy Council, may I apply to Your Lordship that judgment on this man be suspended whilst I make the application?

The Chief Justice: I see no reason whatever to suspend it. I should certainly pass sentence upon him.

Addressing the prisoner, the Chief Justice said: The Jury having found you guilty, what have you got to say why sentence should not be passed upon you?

Prisoner: I have, I want to make a statement there. Prisoner pointed to the witness box.

The Chief Justice: No, you cannot do that. I can't give you that permission.

A Pathetic Finish.

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